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of 2011 in  
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Minden Hills  
firefighters  
respond to a  
blaze at home  
on Highway 35,  
just north of the  
coin wash, on  
the morning of  
Christmas Eve.

Submitted by  
Guenter Horst

## Fire destroys home on Christmas Eve

Eighteen firefighters battle  
"stubborn" blaze  
for five hours

Chad Ingram  
Staff reporter

Fire destroyed a Minden home on Christmas Eve day.

Members of the Minden Hills fire department arrived on the scene, just north of the coin wash along Highway 35, after receiving the call about 7 a.m.

"It was one of those stubborn fires," said fire chief Doug Schell.

The cold temperatures made the blaze a difficult one to extinguish.

The 18 firefighters who responded to the call were on site for about five hours.

Schell said the fire started in the piping for a wood stove.

The home was an older one.

"Over the years, there'd been plywood on top of wood on top of brick," Schell said, adding there'd also been straw insulation in the walls.

The department received assistance from Dysart et al fire chief Miles Maughan, who filled up extra oxygen tanks for the Minden team. "I'd like to give a special thanks to Miles Maughan," Schell said.

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# Group exhibition examines art and reality in photography

**Laurie Carmount**  
Curator, Agnes Jamieson Gallery

It has always been one of those things on a "to do" list for me to have Darren Lum exhibit his photography at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. He has come and gone and returned again to Haliburton County as our intrepid photojournalist, but few may realize that Lum is a talented photographer who has garnered several provincial and national newspaper awards. His work has appeared in the *Toronto Star*, *Toronto Sun* and *USA Today*, *London Free Press* and wire services such as the *Canadian Press*. He has more than 10 years of experience working in the field of journalism.

Things fell into place after the Canadian Juried Landscape exhibition, now three years ago, when I saw the work of Ryan Szulc, a photographer from Toronto. His work was very moving and I wondered if there was a way to bring these two artists, Lum and Szulc, together. This is the fun part of curating.

When I spoke with Lum about finally pinning him down for an exhibition, he said he had an idea he had always wanted to try and oddly enough, it fit with what I saw Szulc doing in his work.

I was intrigued with the idea that photography can be a very powerful tool. Society today often considers it to be the ultimate form of documentation. The effect photography had on the art world was immense as it caused artists to set aside the need to accurately capture images. Why do so when it could easily be done with a click of a button? It brought about the ever present desire to emphasize artistic expression rather than realistic imagery.

Further to this, however, I was drawn to the thought that if one were to take a cross-section of photographed images, taken over a long period of time, would this be the evidence of who we are? And how accurate is it, really?

Ryan Szulc is an award-winning photographer from Toronto working for *Applied Arts*, *Toronto Life*, *The Grid*, *Report on Business*, *Canadian Living*, and *Chatelaine* among others. His work in this exhibition is haunting and mysterious. There is a disquiet quality to each piece that, when given more consideration, brings one to some serious conclusions.

Szulc comments his work portrays obvious human objects imposed on the landscape, others are seemingly void of any human trace. However, there is a dark narrative consistent in this series, exploring the relationship between the figures of the image, and the degree to which we perceive them. Yet, while often dark, they maintain an aesthetic appeal that challenges the typical beauty one associates with landscape photography.

We have a love for images that provoke a sense of horror or shock. Where Szulc is interested in the subtle impact of human interaction, Lum wanted to capture stark compositions that play in that realm of looking at people's personal tragedies.

Darren Lum: "With my experience in journalism I've always wondered if it is the media that fuels a need for graphic images or if it is the other way around. For most people what we see and remember are scenes of a graphic nature and compel us to look. I want to explore the public's desire to 'see all', that desire to gaze at someone else's misfortune versus the morality and right of privacy for the victim."

What drives people to stare at accidents? This need is a major driving force for the media. It makes one wonder how far will they go to make their product sell?

The ultimate point to consider in this exhibition is this: how often in your lifetime have you viewed a photo that was so powerful it changed your life? How would you feel if you found out later it was not true?

Evidence will be exhibited from Jan. 5 to Feb. 25 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 176 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden. Please join us for the opening reception on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 1:30 p.m. to hear the artists and curator speak about this body of work.

For more information visit the gallery website: [www.mindenculturalcentre.com](http://www.mindenculturalcentre.com).



An upcoming exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery will feature the work of *Times* and *Echo* photographer Darren Lum as well as that of photographer Ryan Szulc. The exhibit asks viewers to consider the effect of photography on art, media and life itself. There will be an opening reception on Jan. 14 at 1:30 p.m.

# Reeves look forward to much in 2012

**➤ The leaders of Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands reflect on the past year and anticipate the one ahead**

*Questions were sent to the reeves of Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands asking the politicians to reminisce about 2011 and look ahead to 2012.*

**Questions:**

1. *What has been the biggest accomplishment of, or in, your municipality in 2011?*
2. *What are the biggest challenges facing your municipality this coming year?*
3. *What are you looking forward to in 2012?*



**Barb Reid, Reeve of Minden Hills**

1. Minden Hills had a very busy 2011. After many years of delays, Canadian Tire finally started construction on Sept. 12. It was a memorable day having all four reeves who touched this project gathered for the ground-breaking. The other major accomplishment is the snowmobiling/ATV revitalization project and the exciting new Mount Minden and Village Trail.

No less than 13 private property owners cooperated with the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association and the Township of Minden Hills in allowing the new trail on their vacant properties. Extensive bridge and trail repairs outside the village were funded by both the HCSA and the Haliburton ATV Association. Five destination trail signs showing the new Minden Village Trail were funded by the Township of Minden Hills and a commitment from the Haliburton County Development Corporation. The Ontario Federation of Snowmobiling Association's magazine *Go Snowmobiling* has a feature article on the new trail in the current Winter 2011 edition. We hope this publicity attracts snowmobilers back to Minden. Over the next few months we will be working with HATVA to ensure that we make the Minden area an exciting destination for ATVers in the summer and fall

of 2012.

2. One of the challenges for Minden Hills in 2012 is containing costs in the municipality. We are trying to keep our tax levy increase to the rate of inflation or two per cent. If we want to find the money for improvements and new initiatives we need to find the money from within current municipal budgets and from grants. In these difficult economic times, it is not realistic to ask the taxpayers for more.

3. In 2012 I'm looking forward to the grand opening of the Canadian Tire and Dairy Queen stores. I hope we might see some new housing starts in the village of Minden. I hope the province and federal government announce a grant program so we can join the county in the construction of a new EMS/fire station on Highway 35. I hope it snows soon and snowmobilers visit and support our Minden area businesses. I hope for a warm, sunny summer and a colourful fall. Most of all, I hope for peace and prosperity for all.



**Carol Moffatt, Reeve of Algonquin Highlands**

1. It's been a good year for Algonquin Highlands.

The biggest achievement is the anticipated relocation of the MNR headquarters to the Stanhope Airport. After years of informal discussions between MNR and township officials, we were thrilled to hold the first formal, open meeting on the subject. This project is complicated, layered and sometimes confusing but thanks to CAO Angie Bird and project manager Mike Osborne we're finding our way through the somewhat confounding "chicken-and-egg" requirements of the municipality, the MNR and various related ministries.

This is a big project that's taking an enormous amount of time to manage - it practically changes day by day! Its scope includes geotechnical investigations, topographic surveys, screening assessments, site preparation, an archaeological assessment, tree clearing, a reconfigured development plan, lease negotiations and, if all goes well, construction in 2013. Council has given permission to pursue limited next steps in order to get to a full costing of the project. It's anticipated that "the big reveal" will happen early in 2012 when there are enough confirmed details that council can

show the public what the project entails and how it will be funded. A scope change application to the Build Canada Fund will be made and when that's approved and a contract is signed with the MNR, council will table a discussion about rescinding the decision to build a runway. Changes to operations, a new airport manager and some excellent ideas for increased activity all point to revitalizing our great little airport!

More details on the year's work with the MNR can be found on the township's website in an information release issued on Nov. 8, 2011 ([www.algonquinhighlands.ca](http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca) > News > News and Events > scroll down to document).

As incoming reeve, I brought along a list of more than 80 issues to tackle. Part of that list included governance discussions around things like policy review, reporting structure, terms of reference for committees and improved communication. New CAO Angie Bird had her own list of changes and so we've had a year of what we call "housekeeping." We've had significant success in this regard, and while the public wouldn't have much reason to notice these changes, they may rest assured that all's well.

The most notable administrative accomplishment for the township was directing staff to aggressively pursue some \$2 million in unsolved and long-standing tax arrears. Thanks to treasurer Tammy McKelvey and her staff we've put an end to some outrageous arrears, eliminated budgeting on false receivables, and vastly improved the township's financial position.

Another notable achievement has been in fire services, not only with the success of our new training officer Ryan Reesor, but also with moving through the Station 60 resignations of late in 2010, the ensuing "McCullough Report" and the implementation of that report's recommendations. A fire department is the backbone of the small community and this was an experience that affected many and was felt very deeply. The downside is that some remain hurt and angry about it. The upside is that Station 60 is doing extremely well and the whole department is stronger and more unified. The first-ever amalgamated Awards Dinner was held in December. Almost 50 firefighters were in their new station wear, the hall was decorated, award recipients were humbled and honoured, people cheered - and there were even a couple of standing ovations.

Finally, it's definitely worth noting the success of the new team at Algonquin Highlands. After almost two years of staff disruptions, new faces and changes in political and administrative leadership, the municipality is in a position to face the future with confidence. The new council works well together and our staff is outstanding.

2. Our biggest (and most exciting) challenge will be finding our way through the somewhat confounding "chicken-and-egg" requirements of the MNR relocation. Our most frustrating challenge will remain septic and the lagoon. Our most interesting (and potentially expensive) challenge will be undertaking a facilities analysis to address the township's extraordinary, and potentially unsafe, lack of space - and what the heck to do about it! Of course challenges, like opportunities, tend to pop up unannounced, so it remains to be seen what else the year will hold for us.

3. Looking ahead we'll continue to streamline internal operations; continue to work with the MNR; start our provincially-funded Municipal Cultural Plan process; be involved in Doors Open for the first time; welcome a new airport manager; consider the role of an Economic Development Committee; support the work of the Dorset Community Partnership; continue to reach out to the folks at Oxtongue Lake; and finalize the investment of the HCDC's \$15,000 Community Capacity grant. As this all unfolds, I'm looking forward to working with council, members of staff and the public to continue the good works of Algonquin Highlands.

# Municipalities take stock of report

Darren Lum  
Staff reporter

Several weeks have passed since the Business Retention and Expansion Report was presented to the four municipal governments of Haliburton County and all of them have used the information as a point of reference in either establishing economic development committees, in moving ahead with plans or confirming perceived realities.

Spearheaded by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, the 36-page report revealed many county businesses are content with the current climate, as they are satisfied with the lifestyle of the area. However, they believe opportunities exist with strategies outlined in the action plans of the report. It has prompted all of the townships to move forward with some form of an economic development committee.

Late last year, the findings were presented by Dennis Casey, who is the acting interim manager for the chamber of commerce and a Dysart councillor, over the course of several weeks to the four municipalities: Dysart, Minden Hills, Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East.

Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey said the report was effective at providing a snapshot of the business community. He points out that any kind of business success is dependent upon the quality of the customer care.

"We can't do enough to be friendly with our customers and I don't know how much is being done," he said. "We're in a period all of those things make the difference between wanting to shop locally and come back to Haliburton County or [leave and shop elsewhere]. Why would you do that if you're not given the best treatment. I think that's critical to going forward and I hope businesses buy into that and we continue as a county to support those training facilities with the college or whoever to ensure we're friendlier than the communities around us. We have to be better."

Economic development is not a county level responsibility, as it has been left to the municipal governments.

Minden Hills has taken the lead with its draft strategic plan, which provides a structure or strategy for engaging both residents and the business community on creating a vision and means for moving forward to support economic growth, chairman of the Minden Hills economic development committee Larry Clarke said.

Their plan focuses on taking advantage of their location being close to Southern Ontario, recognizing the existing economic draw of the village and along Hwy. 35, to not only draw people here, but keep them long-term. The plan also seeks to satisfy year-round and seasonal residents. With five directions, the plan includes improvement of the area, a healthier business environment, marketing of the area, support business growth and community infrastructure that fosters economic development.

Minden Hills worked on the plan since last April and the survey was the basis for the strategy. Council accepted it this past September.

Clarke, who believes the plan addresses all of the bar-



Chad Ingram Staff

Minden's Bobcaygeon Road, above, is one of the business districts that may benefit from suggestions found in a business retention and expansion survey that was conducted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

riers to a stronger business community outlined in the report, said he got the edge over the other municipalities by being part of the planning process for the report, as he was involved as a former director with the chamber commerce. They have since shared their work with the other townships.

Clarke adds he was elected based on bringing in an economic strategy and helped to form the committee started last January.

There will be a town hall meeting for the public that will focus on the progress of the strategic plan and from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre on Saturday, Jan. 7.

In early March, he said, there are plans for another event because of a joint effort with the HCDC and the township, including a possible inclusion of the Kawartha Lakes Small Business Enterprise Centre. It will be focused on helping small business owners.

Clarke hopes to offer other similar business workshops to help local merchants and business people.

The survey's results were made possible by the participation of 98 businesses, representing a cross-section of 15 per cent of all the businesses (with a Canada Post address) in

the county.

Highlands East business and economic development committee chairperson Cecil Ryall said the recommended actions outlined have a timeline that is too far in the future. He believes his township needs to move forward sooner and does not want to even let two months go by before they act.

"We think we have to move faster. We don't want to lose the 2012 tourist season and we don't want to allow any of the opportunities that may come up in the next 12 months to go by. Unlike Minden, we're never going to have a Canadian Tire. We're just not in the right place for that," he said, adding Highlands East is the only municipality to have mineral rights in Ontario.

Ryall said he is working on drawing people because of these rights and its unique offering. Possible relationships, which could bolster this unique feature of the area, to attract people, could be established with schools such as Trent University and Sir Sanford Fleming College.

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# Economic development becomes part of lower-tier role

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"Unfortunately, some of the marketing suggestions [in the report] work better in Minden and Haliburton because they have the businesses to do that with, whereas we're still trying to build those businesses."

As far as action plans and recommendations, he said, they'll be looking to develop their own plan to reflect the major differences of the area that contrasts with Haliburton and Minden.

Ryall alluded to several future projects, but stopped short of divulging any details except that the progress of the idea will be known at the end of February.

Although Algonquin Highlands does not have an economic development committee, Reeve Carol Moffatt has done her homework forming an economic development committee and eventual plan. Generally, she hopes that all the municipalities can draw information from the report to act.

"What we need to do is interpret some of the responses into action items," she said, adding she would like to act rather quickly in the new year. "We need to take results of this survey, interpret them (you know the old saying, six ways of Sunday) four ways of Sunday because there are four municipalities. Each municipality has to take what they can from it and develop strategies around it."

Since she knew the report was coming, Moffatt made sure to attend all of the economic development oriented sessions at conferences last year to learn about the best practices and pitfalls.

She adds the report is informative, but does not directly apply to her area since the only downtown Algonquin Highlands has is Dorset, referring to any improvements to a downtown area. It means her township will have to "think laterally."

Moffatt recognizes there are many questions related to the formation of a committee

from what it will do, who it will serve, the strategies and the goal it should have. She said the formation of a committee is on the council's agenda in January to eventually produce an economic plan.

"If we can answer what we're looking for that will help us build what we're going to do. I think that BR&E [report] plays a big role in that," she said.

Dysart's housing and business development Committee has taken the tact of focusing on housing, believing it is a major component to improving the business climate.

Its chairperson, Andrea Roberts, thought many challenges are out of the control of local government and business people, referring to the economic downturn as one example.

"One of things that we appreciated was that there was quite a positive response of people who had plans to either expand or grow their business," Roberts said.

She said there aren't any direct actions resulting from the report, but efforts to improve the housing has been a focus, which is part of the business prosperity of

the area.

This committee started this term.

Fearrey believes small initiatives will come from the report and if it leads to progress will give the public hope.

"It's a basis for further thinking and further opportunities," Fearrey said, adding the opportunities will reside with taking advantage of the tourism industry.

The key thing is to focus, he said, on a single area such as tourism in these challenging economic times. For even the arts, which is an economic driver, is tied into tourism, he adds. However, he said ultimately it is up to the members of the business community.

"It still takes the entrepreneurs to make things happen. Politicians don't make everything happen. It takes the people on the

front lines, employing the people, providing the service. They're the ones that make our county strong and that's the bottom-line," he said.

Started in June 2010, the Business Retention and Expansion Survey was undertaken by Casey's company, Roxden Management Services, which was awarded the contract during the request for proposals put forth by the chamber. He conducted the survey and spoke directly with the majority of the survey respondents over the course of a few months. It was then compiled and interpreted for the Haliburton County Business Retention and Expansion Report completed by Shelley Hirstwood Consulting, who is an established economic developer.

See the full report at [www.hhchamber.on.ca/local-initiative-project](http://www.hhchamber.on.ca/local-initiative-project).



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## Looking ahead

**2**012 IS A YEAR that has garnered a lot of attention, largely, it seems, because there is a segment of the population that thinks it will bring about the end of the world.

There is an alarmingly high number of people who believe that because one of the calendars created by the ancient Mayan society apparently ends this year, it signifies that some kind of cataclysmic celestial event is going to transpire and wipe us all out, whether it be an asteroid, solar flare or something else.

Now wouldn't *that* be exciting.

For most of us though, it's not the beginning of the end, but merely the beginning of another new year, the cleaning of the proverbial slate, another chance to get it right . . . yadda, yadda, yadda.

Insert your own stereotypical saying here.

In seriousness though, 2012 does offer a great deal of promise for the western half of Haliburton County.

After years of discussion about an economic development plan for Minden Hills, this year seems like the one when we may finally see that begin to take shape.

In the fall, councillors accepted a draft strategy from Councillor Larry



**Chad Ingram**  
Reporter

Clarke, a strategy that business owners and residents will have an opportunity to provide input on.

There's always a certain degree of lamentation about the state of downtown Minden and the creation of such a plan could go a long way in strengthening the economic might of the village's core.

The new snowmobile trail into the village should bolster the number of visiting sledgers, another positive sign for merchants, as council seeks to re-establish Minden as snowmobiling destination.

With Canadian Tire and Dairy Queen scheduled to open their doors, jobs will also be created for those who need them.

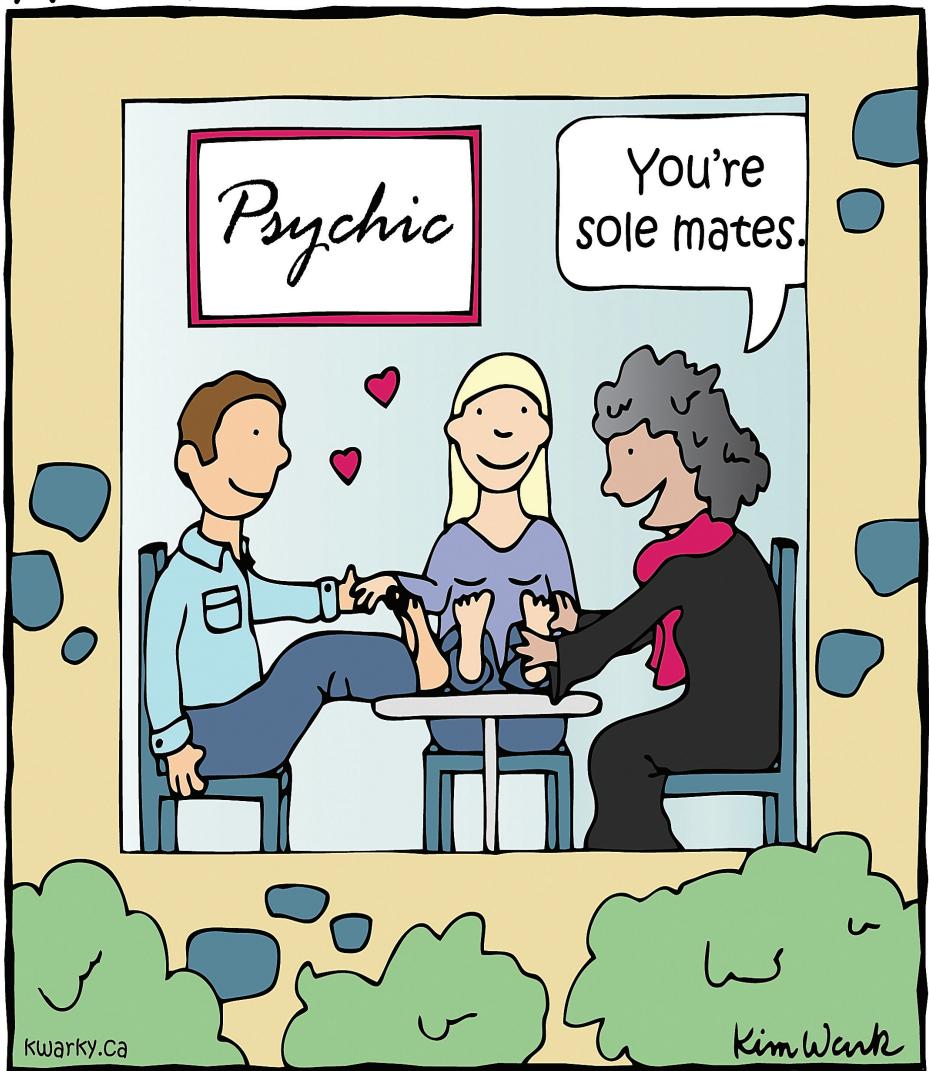
Perhaps 2012 will even be the year that Minden merchants realize creating a business improvement association is probably in their collective best interest.

In Algonquin Highlands, the relocation of the local Ministry of Natural Resources emergency response base to the Stanhope Airport would create a long-standing revenue stream for the township.

2012 is looking like it could be a year of prosperity for the community.

Barring the apocalypse, of course.

## Kwarky



## letters to the editor

### Scott has earned her right

To the Editor,

*Re: Former MPP disappointed in throne speech vote*

Up until now I had a lot of regard for former MPP Johnson. He, unlike a number of his supporters, seemed to have accepted defeat and was moving on with his life. His recent letter to all of the local newspapers would seem to indicate otherwise.

Mr. Johnson seems to infer that Ms. Scott's votes should be tied to the relative vote from the October general election rather than to the wishes of the people who actually voted for her. There were three political philosophies offered up on Oct. 11. The NDP - take everything from the wealthy so that the poor can be equal; the Liberal - take everything from everybody and redistribute so that your organized labour support will continue to flourish; and

### The way hockey should be

To the Editor,

What a treat it has been this week watching hockey played the way it should be played; fast, highly skilled skating, good clean checking, great shots on goal, excellent passing, no cheap head shots and no let's-drop-our-gloves-and-pretend-we're-boxing fist fights.

I'm referring, of course, to the World Junior Hockey Championships and definitely not the NHL.

I was once an avid NHL fan (yes, even a Maple Leaf's fan) back in the days when the most dangerous weapons on the ice were Gordie Howe's elbows. Since then I think NHL games have steadily deteriorated to a very low level of hockey. Yes, I know there are lots of people out there who like the fist fights, love the violence and maybe even don't care about the increasing number of concussions that are putting top players out of the game, some for

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# points of view

## Sued to death

**I**F YOU WERE WONDERING whether or not western civilization is heading in the right direction, here's a hint. Recently, an American court ruled that it's OK to sue a dead man.

This is not the first time, but this case just might be the most interesting. A Japanese tourist who was running in the rain to catch a train slipped on the platform and was hit. Sadly, his body parts flew and one of them broke the wrist and leg of an innocent bystander - who, in the proud American tradition, promptly sued the dead man's estate.

It's your standard legal argument: The rain near the train causes suffering and pain.

Talk about adding insult to injury.

Essentially, the court is saying that Americans now need to be careful where and how they die. Because

if you die in a negligent manner, the injured party can sue your ass off - which, in the case of someone hit by a train, is apparently redundant.

Between you and me, I'm hoping that this trend spills over to Canada. You see, I've got a bone to pick with the estate of Suleiman the Magnificent. Old Sulei, in case you didn't know, was the Sultan of the Ottoman Empire in 1565 and the man who laid siege to the island of Malta, where my ancestors originally lived.

In that famous siege, it is said that 500 Knights of Malta, 2600 European soldiers and approximately 3000 Maltese men defeated a Turkish invasion force of 48,000 - which was the greatest armada ever assembled at the time. This is historically

significant because it was one of the last major battles of the Crusades and it prevented the Ottoman Empire from taking over Europe.

Yes, due, in large part, to the bravery of my ancestors, the term Ottoman now only refers to a Jamaican car or a piece of furniture that we rest our feet upon. If I'm not mistaken, we're also responsible for the term Snuggy.

But this came at a high price. During the battle, one third of the Maltese population was killed - the tall ones.

I'm not positive of this but, if every Maltese person I know is any indication, I'd say it must be true. It makes perfect sense, since this was one of the first major battles where muskets and



**Steve Galea**  
Beyond 35

cannons played a significant part. My theory is that all the tall Maltese kept forgetting to duck behind the parapets.

As a result, only short Maltese were left to carry on the line - there is not a tall gene in the pool. And this is why I want to sue the estate of Suleiman the Magnificent.

Because of his vicious assault on my ancestral homeland, my dreams of making millions playing in the NBA have been dashed. I will also ask for punitive damages for the pain and suffering caused by the fact that I need to use a chair to change a light bulb - in a table lamp.

I'll ask for \$400,000,000 (what I figure I might have made in the NBA) but will settle for far less.

Now, here's the tough question.

Anyone know a good lawyer?

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## Bewitched, bothered, even bewildered

**T**HE BROWN DOG JIGGS pretends to be the calm at the eye of the storm in the tearoom of the Sapsucker Arms, where Old Delahanty and Mrs. Faraday are about to be married.

Dogs are expert at hiding their true feelings. Whatever Jiggs thinks of what is about to happen, only his tail gives him away. It is tucked safely between his legs, which is where Old Delahanty's tail would be if only he had one.

For calm is the one word that would not describe the old fellow's mood as he comes to the end of a perpetual bachelor party that has lasted 68 years, eight months, three days and 16 hours.

The 16 hours he is not so sure about, but then there is a great deal he is not sure about today, including what brought him to this place and time and what he is doing here.

Here he is in the social hub of Horned Grebe Lake, where he intended to live out his golden years in sylvan solitude, with The Brown Dog as his only companion.

Now he sits, surrounded by friends, waiting for Mort Huxtable's Bait Shop and Hair Salon to close early so its proprietor can bring over his tuba to

play *Here Comes the Bride*.

Back in the kitchen, the waitress Gretchen sets out fresh-baked gooseberry scones to cool for the reception that will follow. Then her apron comes off and she becomes the maid of honour.

Young Robichaux, spiffy in a freshly-ironed red mackinaw, has come in from the bush to be his best man, and Delahanty's lakeshore neighbour, Fixx, will perform matrimony.

Delahanty's hair is slicked back and his razor missed only one patch of stubble just under his left dewlap. His old, worn dress shoes have a sheen of polish on them for the first time since Bush was president. The first Bush, that is, not the Shrub.

His blue suit is double-breasted and even older than the shoes. His friends are so surprised to see him wearing a tie that they hardly notice the suit, which could not be more out of style if it included knee breeches.

The old fellow's friends stand there amazed and suddenly the tuba toots and then it is Delahanty's turn to be

amazed, standing right up there in front of everybody beside a woman who apparently still has every intention of becoming his wife.

Wife. Husband. Husband! The old fellow rolls the idea around inside his head, looking at it from every angle, trying to make it fit. Mr. and Mrs. Delahanty! Huh! So, it has come to this. His whole life flashes before his eyes.

My husband, she will call me. And I will call her my wife. Imagine that! This woman, this Mrs. Faraday about to be Mrs. Delahanty.

This mystery woman from Somewhere Else who ordered a load of firewood all of those months and months ago. And she got an armload of kindling and Delahanty as well. At no extra charge. Imagine that!

Cornered now. Bride and bridesmaid to the left of him, Young Robichaux to the right of him and, in front of him, Fixx, ready to begin the ceremony, blocking his way. No escape.

Bewitched, bothered and bewildered am I, the old

song in his head. Befuddled. Discombobulated. Dazed and confused.

Thinking things through, trying to figure out whether he should have spent more time thinking things through. Thinking about the new life given him, first by Horned Grebe Lake and then by Mrs. Faraday.

He is barely conscious of what is happening around him. Fixx, whose day job has had him doing favours at Queen's Park since a moment after time began and marries folks as a hobby, drones on in the background.

Then the drone stops and a kind of hush falls over the tearoom. Everybody is staring at Delahanty, especially Fixx. The Brown Dog nuzzles his hand. Mrs. Faraday jabs him with an elbow.

The old fellow speaks the first words that come into his head. "I will," he says. "I do."

"I did."

*Unlike Mrs. Faraday and Old Delahanty, Sandra Valentine and Neil Campbell have first names but, like them, they just got married.*

*Like Old Delahanty, Old Neil still is trying to figure out what happened, but he never sold firewood to Sandra.*

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# letters

## No whiners allowed

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the Progressive Conservative – the everyday working person deserves a fair shake. The electorate in HKLB selected the PC philosophy.

Mr. Johnson has a very short memory. In the 2007 general election, Mr. Johnson received 14,327 votes or 29.4 per cent of the vote and lost to Ms. Scott by almost 10,000 votes. In the 2009 byelection, Mr. Johnson received 15,542 votes, 1215 votes more than in 2007 or 44.4 per cent of the vote. The PCs received 14,595 votes, 41.4 per cent of the vote or 947 votes less than in 2007 and with 28 per cent less turn out at the polls. This narrow margin didn't stop Mr. Johnson from voting against his constituents, in favour of the HST — the largest tax grab in Ontario in history, or in favour of the Green Energy Act which has taken away the right of local constituents to decide where and if

they want to establish unsightly wind turbines that will cause their families no end of health issues.

In the 2011 general election, Mr. Johnson received 16,522 votes (980 more than in 2009) or 33.5 per cent of the vote and Ms. Scott received 22,352 votes or 45.3 per cent of the vote – one per cent more than Mr. Johnson in 2007 with a 40-per-cent increase in voter turn out. Ms. Scott has earned the right to represent her constituents by a clear majority of the electorate – unlike Mr. Johnson in 2009. Obviously Mr. Johnson didn't earn his spot and as of right now should get over it. In elections there are winners and losers – he lost. There should be no room for whiners as well.

F. Reaburn  
COKL



### Hit the ice for public skating

Levi Samuels was one of many children who hit the ice for some public skating at Minden's S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Dec. 30. There was public skating again this week and there will be three dates to choose from next week. Public skating continues on Jan. 5, 6 and 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sessions are sponsored by local businesses, organizations and Minden Hills township.

Photos by **Chad Ingram** Staff



Haley, left, Jeralyn Macrae and Pat Lynch are three generations of family.

## You won't be disappointed

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life.

But I would be willing to bet that there are lots of people out there who, like me, would like to see hockey restored to its previous high level of skills and good sportsmanship. Maybe I'm naïve and maybe it will never happen but if it does I, for one, will become an avid fan again.

The best hockey today is played by the juniors and the Olympic hockey teams — both men's and women's. Unfortunately their games are less available on TV and that's probably not going to change. But if you get a chance to watch any of these games please do so. You won't be disappointed.

**Glen Bonham**  
Minden

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# New agreement for health unit, CUPE

The local health unit approved a new four-year collective agreement with its staff represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).

The board of health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit approved the contract at its Dec. 15 meeting.

Under the agreement, CUPE staff will receive the following salary increases:

- \* Jan. 1, 2012 – one per cent
- July 1, 2012 – one per cent

- Jan. 1, 2013 – one per cent
- July 1, 2013 – one per cent
- Jan. 1, 2014 – 2.25 per cent
- Jan. 1, 2015 – 2.25 per cent

CUPE represents approximately 90 employees who work as public health inspectors, dietitians, administrative staff, health promoters, dental hygienists and communications staff.

"We were very pleased to have reached a four year agreement with CUPE," said Susan Bickle, director of

administration and human resources with the health unit.

"This new contract provides us with some stability for the next four years and provides our CUPE staff with an increase after seeing no salary increases in the last negotiated contract."

Bickle said the health unit has been working hard as an organization to be fiscally responsible during tight economic times and stay within the allocated funding provided by the province.



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- January 7th  
Town Hall meeting at Community Center
- January 12th  
COTW Meeting (10:00 public session)
- January 16th  
11:00 am  
Community Engagement - Municipal board room
- January 19th  
11:00 am  
Minden Hills Cultural Centre - Rotary Room (Library)
- January 20th  
12:30 pm  
Youth Advisory Committee – Scout Hall
- January 26th  
Council Meeting (10:00 public session)
- January 30  
10:00 am  
Finance Advisory Committee meeting

## PLANNING CONSULTANT SERVICES “REQUESTS FOR QUOTES”

The Township of Minden Hills is accepting quotations from qualified firms to provide assistance to the planning staff in all areas including but not limited to:

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Topic: Minden Hills Economic Development Plan,  
OPP Update

For further information contact:  
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## REMINDER

Please be advised there are still pictures remaining at the Township Office of children with the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus, respectively. Anyone wishing to pick up their pictures can do so after January 2nd.

## COUNCIL/COTW MEETINGS FOR 2012

Please be advised that the 2012 list of regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole/General Committee and Council meetings and agenda deadline requests can be found at [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca) (Council/COTW tab). As well, the current Agenda(s) and Meeting Minute(s) can be found at <https://haliburton.civicweb.net> (see link on Welcome page) at [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca) as well.

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Topic: The Bear's Lair

Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 10th, 2012 to [kendra@haliburtonchamber.com](mailto:kendra@haliburtonchamber.com) or call 705-457-4700.

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# Stanhope Airport manager an aviation (and TV) vet

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

He was practically born into it, he said. Duane Hicks, 43, an Aylmer resident, who is a third generation member of the Hicks family to be involved with aviation is excited to start his next chapter of life in the Algonquin Highlands area.

"I'm excited to move into the community and plant my roots for a whole bunch of years. I've done every part of aviation. I'm sick of the travel. It would be nice to sit down," he said. "As I say, it's always about the people so if we can start something positive and keep rolling with it it should be a lot of fun. And anybody can come out and shoot the breeze. I've got lots of stories about ice pilots or whatever ... whenever you want to talk come out and have a coffee and enjoy the airport."

Hicks was part of the family business, Hicks & Lawrence Limited, including when it went public under the company Discovery Air several years ago. Hicks & Lawrence has more than 50 years as a Northern Ontario based air operator providing charter flight service and fire service in support of the Ontario government's Forest Fire Management Program.

His experience extends to every position possible in the aviation industry

from sweeping the floors to line worker, to maintenance worker and owner.

The family company he used to own has connections all over Ontario through its different partnerships and its movement starting with the airport in Tillsonberg where his family began the company in 1949, then St. Thomas in 1965 and then most recently Dryden.

Hicks learned of his new post as the Stanhope airport manager in late-December. The engineer with a long-standing involvement with aviation had his first official day on the job on Monday, Jan. 2.

Hicks has always loved aviation for its inherent challenges and ever-changing characteristics.

"Every day is kind of a new day. There's always something going on. It's a big world, but it's a real small family and you know all the players in the business. Different things go on and it's nice to be involved. You can always expand. Aviation is such a broad industry for any kind of expansion and things like that. It's just a fun industry and it never stops," he said.

Although he isn't quite familiar with a lot of the Algonquin Highlands, he does know quite a bit about the Stanhope Airport since he had planes based there assisting with fire detection and support with the province's Forest Fire Management Program.

Fans of History Television's *Ice Pilots NWT* will recognize Hicks as the senior manager (even if he technically never was a fulltime employee with Buffalo Airways, he points out).

Being portrayed as the "villain," Hicks defends himself, believing the show needed this kind of a character and introduced him as such because he brought in changes.

He contends that it wasn't even creative editing that led to the portrayal, but was simply a misrepresentation of his character.

"I don't even have that personality. That's the thing," he said. "People make businesses and companies and that's what makes everything successful is the people. As the ownership of a company you own one, but it's the people that make you and that's the way I manage and do stuff. And when I see myself on

TV [it showed just] a bickering fest. At the end of the day the job got done and everybody is happy."

Hicks had been asked repeatedly to be part of the show before this current season when he finally relented and was added.

Outside the aviation industry, his interests include a love of hockey that includes playing, and a past ownership of the defunct senior AAA hockey team, the Aylmer Blues.

Although there is not a direct correlation between hockey and aviation he does recognize a basic similarity.

"In hockey you've got to get the fans in with the airports ... everyone thinks airports are for rich people only, but really it should be a place for people to go, gossip and have fun – just a place to watch airplanes. For enthusiasts and everyone really," he said.

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# Snowmobile season just a few flakes away

New Minden trails have association revved up

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

One more solid snowfall and some holding cold temperatures and snowmobilers should find themselves on Haliburton County's trails before long.

Sledders were closer to revving up after last week's snowstorm and Haliburton County Snowmobile Association president Joachim Matysek was feeling optimistic about this year's snowmobile season.

"We're a little bit behind in doing the packing of the trails, but otherwise, it's on par," Matysek said. "Traditionally now, we don't snowmobile a whole lot during Christmas anymore. If we get another storm like we just had, we'll start packing the trails."

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instrumental. She's been the driving force there."

The new trail represents a "vast improvement" for snowmobiling in Minden, Matysek said.

In recent years, riders have had to rely on road running — driving their machines down streets — to get through the village.

"It wasn't good for anybody," Matysek said. "It wasn't good for the automobiles, it wasn't good for the snowmobilers, it wasn't good for the pedestrians . . . no one was happy. [The new trail] looks like a win-win situation all around."

The association is also looking to reopen a trail, closed for five or six years now, that connects Minden to Orillia.

"There's a district down there that's very keen on having riders come up our way," said Matysek, explaining he's been in talks with members of Mid Ontario Snowmobile Trails.

Membership is looking strong for the association, with approximately 1,800 passes sold for the emerging season.

"There was a decline for a few years, but things seem to have stabilized," Matysek said, adding based on some research he's done, he's hoping this year might see an increase in riders compared to the last few. "Snowmobiling has its peaks and valleys and I think we're coming up the hill again."

A nine-member board of directors along with another 11 or so volunteers make the association go around.

For the past few years, trail-grooming has been carried out by paid operators, who do the grooming at night.

"It's safer, from an operations point of view, because people can see the lights," Matysek said, adding that trails also set better at night.

Nowadays, riders typically park their machines by 10 p.m. or so.

"In days gone by, they used to ride until the wee hours of the morning, but that's all changed," Matysek said.

The HCSA is always looking for more people interested in helping it operate.

"We always appreciate people getting involved because it is driven by volunteers," Matysek said, adding that any engineers who might like to help the association out with the bridges it oversees would be especially welcome.

Anyone interested can visit [www.hcsa.on.ca](http://www.hcsa.on.ca).

The Haliburton County Rail Trail is typically the first thoroughfare to be opened by the association, then the Gelert trail into Minden.

"From there, we sort of branch out with the system," Matysek said.

The association maintains 350 kilometres of trails within the county, 125 of which are located within Minden Hills.

While he's optimistic the upcoming season, Matysek was reluctant to speculate on a date when trails might start opening.

"That's all subject to weather," he said. "You can have something in the back of your head, but there's no use in saying it. That's just subject to Mother Nature."

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**It's exciting for us and it's exciting for the town of Minden as well.**

— Joachim Matysek

HCSA volunteers have already been out clearing trails of windfall and checking signage.

Matysek was excited about a new trail opening in Minden that will provide riders a connection from the "slaughterhouse trail" east of town to trails near the arena on the west.

Passing through a series of private properties, the trail is a project spearheaded by Minden Hills council and part of a strategy to revitalize snowmobiling in the township that was introduced last March.

"It's exciting for us and it's exciting for the town of Minden as well," Matysek said. "[Reeve] Barb Reid has been

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# HCDC receives \$2 million from federal government

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

It's a happy new year for the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

The corporation will be receiving nearly \$2 million in funding through the federal government's Eastern Ontario Development Program.

The official announcement is to be made on Jan. 11.

The funding approval was welcome news to HCDC executive director Andy Campbell.

"The program has many elements," Campbell said, explaining its two main components are its community development and business development streams.

For-profit businesses can apply for funding for services such as skills training, consultant services and the hiring of interns.

Not-for-profit organizations as well as municipalities can apply through the community development stream for funding to help with events or projects.

"That allows us to contribute to the economic development of Haliburton County," Campbell said.

Some recent examples are the \$15,000 Algonquin Highlands was approved for towards the creation of development plan for the Stanhope Airport and the \$10,000 provided to the Haliburton County Swimming Pool Initiative for its market

feasibility study on an indoor pool for the community.

The federal government has announced \$30 million in EODP funding for the next three years and Haliburton County's share of that will be approximately \$1.9 million.

Each of the 15 development corporations in the eastern part of the province will be receiving the same amount.

The six-year-old program had been put on hold due to the spring's federal election, but was included in the Conservative government's budget and has been approved for renewal.

"When the election was called, all bets were off," Campbell said. "It's gone through that evaluation period and received good grades."

The public can expect to see advertising for the program shortly and Campbell said information sessions will be held in Minden and Haliburton on dates yet to be announced.

Applicants that are approved can expect to see funding begin to flow in April.



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4	David Dollo	585	74	Maie Arike	502.75
5	Denniella Rivard	583	75	Pat Marshall	502.75
6	Marcia Bell	578	76	Andrew Carmount	502
7	Ferne Taylor	573	77	Ethan Carl	501.25
8	Lisa Barry	573	78	Jeremy Crowder	499.25
9	Ann Varty	570	79	Rhonda Shaw	499
10	Melissa White	567.25	80	Rick Cazabon	498
11	Glenn Hall	567	81	Chase Heinemann	497
12	Cody Martin	566	82	Chris Hall	496.25
13	Cheryl Smith	564	83	Jim Winn	496
14	Dale Robinson	561	84	Johnathan Prestwich	494.75
15	Morgan Gaway	561	85	Jacob Bishop	494.75
16	Jane Alden	560	86	Cameron Bradley	492
17	Nancy Holden	559	87	Donald MacMillan	492
18	Eric Schuster	556.25	88	Brian Moore	492
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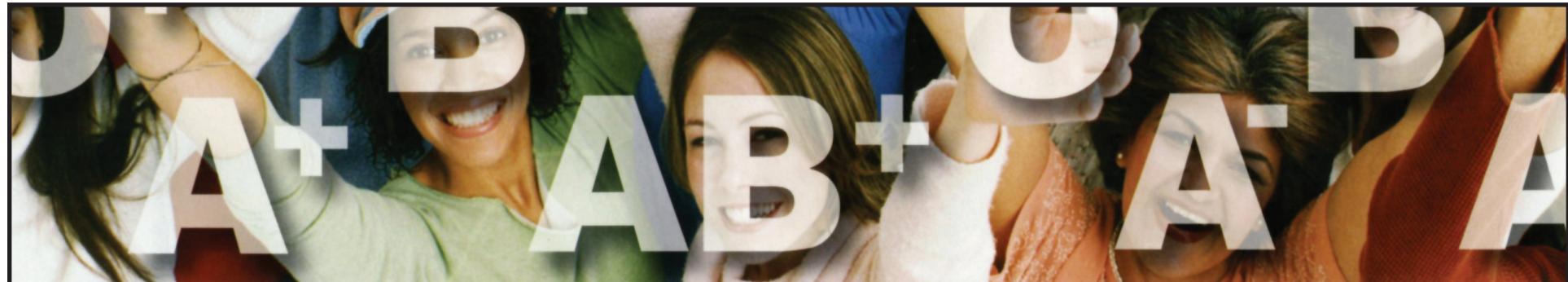
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# 2011 Year in Review



## January 2011

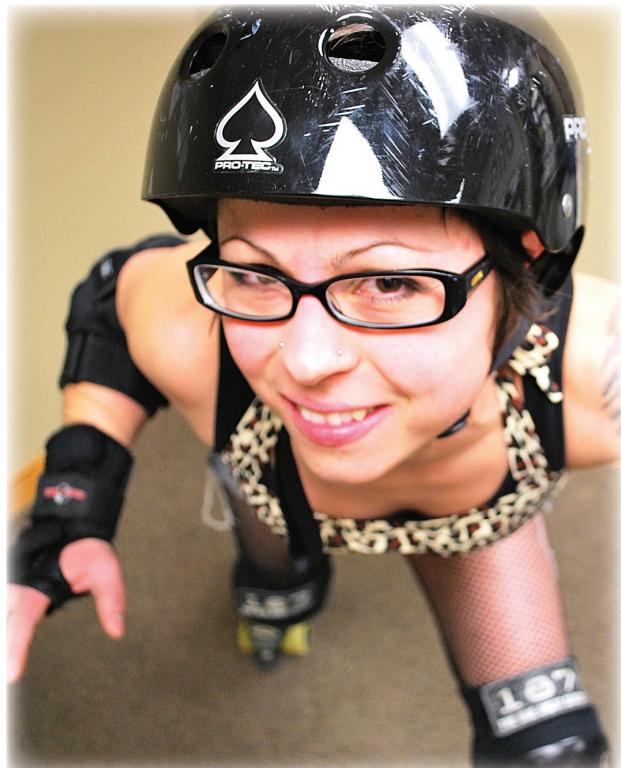
### Cancer Society loses drivers

The number of volunteer drivers for the local Canadian Cancer Society branch dropped due largely to a reduction in the amount of money the society pays for mileage.

"I had two [quit]," said Elaine Anderson, the ride convener for the Minden area. "But two is quite a bit."

The reduction was decided in November by the society, who dropped the rate by 10 cents a kilometre to 25 cents.

### Rollergirl brought derby to the county



Chad Ingram Staff

Kayla Wilkins, or Brim Stone, as is her rollergirl name, was eager to bring the sport of roller derby to Haliburton County.

Kayla Wilkins, aka Brim Stone, announced she was bringing the sport to the area, setting up a league based in Minden.

Raised in the county, Wilkins moved to Toronto to attend university and it was there, while studying biology and English at York, that she was introduced to the fast-paced sport that would become her passion.

### Fur harvesters workshop draws hundreds

The annual fur harvesters' workshop at the Minden Community Centre drew about 250 people Jan. 9 to see demonstrations of skinning, to buy fur fashions and to participate in a pelt competition.

The workshop has run every year since 1980.

### Minden Hills business association sought

Merchants and business owners banded together to form the Minden Hills Business Association.

While the creation of a business association had failed in recent years, about 30 people gathered at the Dominion Hotel on Jan. 4 to give it another shot.

### Minden council off to rocky start

The Vision 2010 slate from October's election ran into opposition from residents and the three non-slate representatives early in the year when committee selection became a highly politicized issue.

Council made sweeping changes to the structure of advisory committees Jan. 27, pitting Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch against Reeve Barb Reid.

A requirement that each committee have two councillors was removed and a stipulation that they be chaired by councillors, rather than members of the public, was inserted.

"All I'm hearing is it's being more and more council-driven," Murdoch said.

There was also concern over the composition of the committees, with some charging that highly qualified candidates were being overlooked by the selection committee, which was composed of Vision councillors.

Reid responded that the changes were about change and innovation and that it just needed some adjusting to.

### Local business wins award

Molly's Bistro Bakery on Bobcaygeon Road took home the new business of the year award at the annual Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Achievement awards gala Jan. 15.

Owned by Molly McInerney, the bistro opened in the spring of 2010.

### MNR contemplates moving base

Dave Brown, fire management supervisor at the Haliburton MNR base, said he was interested in relocating near the Stanhope Airport.

"We've outgrown the space," Brown told the Minden Times. More than 50 workers are based in



Angelica Blenich Staff

Linda Nottage proudly models her fur coat made of blue fox with matching headband.

the Haliburton office during summer months.

### Danielsen's mileage costs scrutinized

County councillors voted to amend their mileage policy at the Jan. 26 meeting to address councillor Liz Danielsen's trek from Hastings County to Minden.

Danielsen was elected to represent Stanhope, but lives close to Bancroft, and a policy was drafted dictating that councillors could only expense the mileage from the municipal office closest to their home to county council chambers.

Councillors also gave themselves a raise from \$50 to \$60 per meeting not exceeding two hours.

# February 2011



Minden's Bill Lithgow, middle, took home the silver in the men's 55+ alpine ski event at the winter games. On left, gold winner Ralph Burchert and on right, bronze winner Ray Overman. Lithgow's combined time (best three of four runs) was 71.27 seconds. /Photo submitted

## Hockey great visits Minden

Hockey Hall of Fame inductee Angela James was on-hand at the third annual Scotty Morrison charity hockey tournament in Minden Feb. 4 along with former NHL officials Ray Scapinello, Ron Wicks and Bryan Lewis.

James was the first female hockey superstar and came to enjoy a meal catered by 212 and a roast of Scotty Morrison.

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## Snowball captures county's tourists

Dorset managed to attract the most winter enthusiasts of any Family Day weekend event across the county Feb. 19. Hundreds arrived in the hamlet to participate in the 21st annual Snowball Winter Carnival, which featured food, entertainment and activities for the family.

## Two Minden men bring home medals in winter games

Victor Ettel and Bill Lithgow were victorious in their categories at the Ontario Senior Winter Games held in Haliburton Feb. 17.

Ettel received gold in alpine ski in the 65-plus category, while Lithgow claimed the silver in the 55-plus group. Eagle Lake skier Doris Pierson, 80, won gold in the women's 75-plus alpine ski category.

## Hawk curlers place third in province

The Red Hawks boys' curling team got third in the Gore Provincials Feb. 17 to 19 in Carp, Ont.

The team consisted of coach Russ Duhaime, skip Jesse Walker, vice Owen Duhaime, second Mike Mazara, lead Tyler Warham, host club alternate Alex Cormier and coach Tom Dibblee.

## Committees continue to dominate council discussion

A motion to appoint additional members to advisory committees of Minden Hills left out some familiar faces Feb. 24 and got some councillors riled.

Members of the former Vision 2010 slate from the municipal election voted 4-3 against appointing extra members to committees – many of whom had served extensively in the past. Reeve Barb Reid said that while the three councillors may not have agreed with who was selected for the committees, the four councillors in favour were elected by the majority of people of Minden Hills.

## Fire department dispute

Interpersonal issues caused the resignation of firefighters from the Dorset station of the Algonquin Highlands fire department, a review found.

The review, which included interviews with a number of fire personnel was made public in February. The retired fire chief who conducted the review said that the chief training officer who inspired the resignations had "excellent credentials" and that firefighters from the other two fire stations in Oxtongue Lake and Stanhope had no such problems with the officer.

## New principal for ASES

Traci Hubbert, formerly of J.D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton, was transferred to Archie Stouffer Elementary School. A decision of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board Feb. 22 approved her transfer along with those of Joan Harpell, who was ASES principal up to the meeting. The shuffle took place April 1.

## Pool proposal sinks at county meeting

A study into the feasibility of a pool in the county will not be sponsored by the county.

At their meeting Feb. 23, councillors voted 7-1 not to go ahead with the process, which would cost \$35,000. The feasibility study fundraising was taken up by the pool committee following the meeting.

## Snowboarding teams advance to OFSAA

Both the girls' A and B teams and the boys' A team advanced from the COSSA championship Feb. 18.

The fastest girl and boy were Jessica Bishop and Mackenzie Robinson.

# March 2011

## Curling teams place second

On March 7, the high school boys' curling team brought home the silver at the Central Ontario Secondary School Association curling championships in Sterling, Ont.

Only a gold would have propelled them to the provincial games, but the team of Jesse Walker, Owen Duhaime, Mike Mazara and Tyler Warham were happy with their second-place finish.

The high school girls' curling team, composed entirely of Grade 10 students, took second place at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics final in Sterling, Ont. March 7. The finished with a record of two wins and a loss. The team was comprised of Laura Pottier, Holly Broderick, Emily Shapiera, Shannon Bittner and Alana Bannister.

## Federal candidates announce intentions to run

Laura Redman, Susanne Lauten and Lyn Edwards all announce they will take on incumbent Barry Devolin in the May 2 election.

## Foodstock concept pitched to council

Minden Hills councillors heard about a new event at their council meeting March 10.

Local food advocates John Teljeur, Alex Bell and Art Thibierge visited councillors to talk about holding a three- to four-day event all about food and music at the Minden fairgrounds.

Councillors were happy to hear about the plans, but were not making any decisions at the meeting.

## Penny Obee dies in Costa Rica

Minden Hills resident Penny Obee died March 14 after a rip tide pulled her out to sea as she was swimming off the coast of Playa Bejuco, Costa Rica.

Obee, 64, was a travel agent with a long career in education including serving as vice-principal of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

She was married to Bill Obee, a former county employee and Minden Hills councillor.

## Slow snowmobile season impacts eateries

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A slow snowmobile season meant decreased traffic at many of the county's eateries in March.

Restaurant owners said they had noticed fewer snowmobiles than in most years.

"We only had two weekends that we saw snowmobilers this whole winter," Dominion Hotel owner Shawn Chamberlin said.

## White pride event planned for Minden

A private party in Minden with the theme "White Village to White Village" was planned for Canada Day.

John Beattie, former head of the Canadian Nazi Party and a paralegal in Minden, said his planned British Peoples League get-together was about white history, not white supremacy.

Still, news of the planned party had many up in arms, including Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, who called the party "unwelcome."

The whole thing was scrapped shortly after stories appeared in local and provincial media.

## Family rescues dog from icy river

A Minden dog was rescued after it was pulled from the Gull River by a couple of residents and their grandchildren in late March.

Ron and Bernice Tucker and their grandchildren Sarah and Ben all contributed to the save, which included pulling a tin boat across the ice using a garden fork. Ron Tucker was able to pull the dog from the water and bring it back to safety.

## Water festival struggles for funds

Some members of county council questioned whether they should continue sponsoring the Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival.

While they approved an annual grant of \$5,000 for the event in the 2011 budget, councillors were irked by the fact that City of Kawartha Lakes contributed only \$500 and Muskoka District contributed nothing.

"Without the council's help, the children's water festival would not be able to make it," organizer Irene Heaven told council.

## Few buildings accessible,



Darren Lum Staff

Hyland Crest residents and their family and friends were shown appreciation through the annual Hyland Crest Formal Dinner hosted by the Minden long-term care facility on Friday, Feb. 25.

## Survey finds

A survey of 115 businesses and public buildings in Minden has revealed only a small portion are accessible to all people.

Those in wheelchairs or walkers can expect to easily get into only 22 per cent of locations surveyed by Margaret Graham on behalf of the Aging Well committee's accessibility branch.

## Township hatches snowmobile plan

Minden Hills council unveiled a \$200,000 plan to revitalize Minden as a snowmobiling destination at their March 31 meeting.

Councillors voted in favour of applying for the first \$25,000 from the Haliburton County Development Corporation. The strategy includes increased signage and enhanced accessibility as well as bridge upgrades.

The municipality is hoping to access other grant funding opportunities and the snowmobile and ATV associations have also agreed to chip in money.

## Wrestling team goes to OFSAA

The Red Hawks wrestling team (Zane Zondervan, Kayla Gardiner, Bailey Walker, Lily Coneybeare, Dylan Graham and Tara O'Sullivan) all earned a berth to OFSAA.

Gardiner (44 kg) and Walker (47.5 kg) finished in the top-eight while teammate Zondervan (77 kg) finished in the top-12.

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# April 2011

## Palliative care bed gets funding

The Haliburton hospital was given \$51,500 to turn one acute care bed into a palliative care unit by the Central East Local Health Integration Network. The money realized the goals of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board, which wanted to accommodate those wishing to remain in the community while receiving hospice services.

## Election gets messy

A public meeting at Fleming College took on an adversarial tone as Conservative incumbent Barry Devolin took the brunt of audience questioning and pointed barbs from his political opponents.

The evening followed a controversial decision by the candidate to boycott one of Haliburton's newspapers because he said he was concerned he wouldn't be treated fairly by the paper.

Liberal candidate Laura Redman was managing editor of the County Voice and wrote strongly critical editorials about provincial Conservative Tim Hudak before stepping down to run against Devolin.

Later in the campaign, Redman reported that someone was prank calling voters, pretending to be her and that her signs were going missing.

## Minden hosts 24th Timbits tournament

From March 31 to April 3, Minden Hills was filled with more than 300 young curlers from grades 4 to 8 who participated in the Ontario Elementary School Curling Championships at the Minden Curling Club.

Sixty-four teams from across the province participated in the games, which were supported by more than 100 local volunteers.

## Township takes down willows

The popular rope swing over the Gull River was taken down at the end of April.

After consulting with Tidey Tree Care and forester Peter Hynard, director of community services Rick Cox confirmed at the April 14 Minden Hills council meeting that the willow trees along the Gull – one of which held the rope swing – were rotting



**Chad Ingram Staff**

Firefighters from the Minden Hills department put out the flames of a fire that destroyed a cottage on Manor Lane, off of Hunter Creek Road, south of Minden, on April 21.

and dangerous.

There was some public outcry from those who had fond memories of using the swing, but the safety concerns outweighed the sentimental and the trees were removed.

Trails coordinator Mark Coleman told council at their April 21 meeting that the Ministry of Natural Resources had limited resources to police the area.

The township decided to pursue a land use agreement to take some responsibility for the point.

## Problems persist with destructive campers

Algonquin Highlands continued to have problems with keeping a lake access point at Crown Lake clean.

For years, there have been complaints by cottagers that camping, partying and intense littering were taking place at the lake access point.

## Arts council cancels gala

Sponsorship burnout and the burden the annual awards gala for the arts council puts on volunteers and staff were a couple of the reasons the 2011 event was cancelled.

The Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands announced at the end of April that they would be forgoing the event in favour of other projects.

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# May 2011

## Barry Devolin wins federal election

Incumbent Conservative Barry Devolin handily won Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the May 2 federal election.

Devolin received 35,192 votes of the 58,791 cast in the riding.

NDP candidate Lyn Edwards received 12,934 and Liberal Laura Redman got 7,539.

Devolin immediately launched his campaign for the Speaker of the House position, stating that he had a non-confrontational reputation on Parliament Hill.

## EMS faces shortfall

A drop in provincial funding forced EMS director Pat Kennedy to tell council his department would go over budget by \$62,000.

At the emergency services committee meeting May 11, Kennedy told councillors that an increase in fuel cost and upstaffing against a backdrop of decreased funding created a challenge for the department.

## McMahon election spending tops rivals

Expense reports filed in late March showed that former Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon spent the most on his election campaign in the fall of 2010.

He spent \$8,302 compared to competitor Barb Reid, who filed expenses of \$6,048.

Combined, Minden Hills candidates spent more than \$32,000 on their campaigns.

In Algonquin Highlands, spending was more muted.

Liz Daniels was the top spender with \$1,616 in expenses for that election.

## Flooding leads to property damage on area lakes

Many of the county's Trent Severn Waterway reservoir lakes experienced swelling water levels in late April and early May.

At times some of the lakes experienced levels that came close to historic highs.

Several properties on Kushog and Boshkung lakes among others were swamped and Minden's Riverwalk was submerged.



Darren Lum Staff

Archie Stouffer Elementary School students such as Quinten Little had their heads shaved or lost their pony tails to support the Pedal for Hope Tour that stopped at the Minden school on Friday, April 29. There were 29 students that had their heads shaved.

## Rotenberg debuts new book in Minden

International best-selling author and Drag Lake cottager Robert Rotenberg read from his new novel May 13 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

The reading followed the annual general meeting of Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library.

Rotenberg read from his new book *The Guilty Plea* and talked about the writing process.

## Man dies after ATV accident

A Richmond Hill man died May 22 following an ATV accident on Sherborne Lake Access Road.

Kenneth Warner, 48, died of his injuries following the single-vehicle collision.

## Minden considers headhunter for property operations manager

After interviewing 20 applicants for the position of property operations manager, Minden Hills council

brought forth the idea of hiring someone to find a suitable applicant.

At their May 26 meeting, Reeve Barb Reid recommended Toronto-based company Feldman Daxon Partners Inc. at a cost of \$21,000 plus taxes and expenses.

Council passed a motion that if the final two interview candidates were not suitable, the headhunter would be hired.

The later hired the professional recruiter.

## Dairy Queen announces intention to set up in Minden

A construction group announced plans for a Dairy Queen restaurant on Highway 35 at a meeting May 28.

The plans included a 3,000-square-foot building where Rusty's Garage formerly sat at the corner of 35 and Bobcaygeon Road.

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# June 2011

## Speaker post eludes Devolin

Barry Devolin's bid to become Speaker of the House of Commons fell short on June 2 when his name was eliminated from the third ballot.

The local MP said he was disappointed at losing out, but congratulated the winner, who was his second choice for the job, Andrew Scheer.

Speaker of the House acts as a moderator on discussion of elected representatives in the federal legislature.

## Track team makes OFSAA

The high school track team was thrilled to compete at the provincial championship in Sudbury June 2 to 4. The girls' relay team (Ali Hicks, Sarah Comer, Sandy Griffith and Brigitta Hicks) came in 17th, while Tom Paul came in 19th in the midget men's hurdles.

Charlene Hicks was 11th in midget women's 80-metre hurdles and was seventh in triple jump. In the junior women's 80-metre hurdles Ali Hicks placed 18th and Brigitta Hicks was seventh.

Ali Hicks was third overall in the women's 300-metre hurdles.

## Canada Post lockout hits businesses

It took only a couple of days for the Canada Post lockout to start affecting businesses in the Highlands.

The Chamber of Commerce surveyed its membership and found that just about everyone was hurt by the mail stoppage, which started on June 15.

## Enviro-heroes celebrated

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust gave out awards for the fourth time based on work done to preserve the environment at their Wild About Nature Gala at Camp Wanakita June 18.

The stewardship award went to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association; the education award went to Wanakita; the arts award went to Erin Lynch; the health award went to Haliburton Nordic Trails Association; the business award went to Patient News and the youth award was given to the high school's eco-team.

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## Banquet honours top HHSS athletes

Jenna Dibblee and Jesse Schmidt were given Athlete of the Year awards at the high school's athletics banquet June 14.

Eighteen students were honoured for their passion, talent and drive and the school bus driver was given the impact award for his dedication and caring.

## Literacy scores climb

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students continued to meet, and exceed, standards set by the ministry of education on literacy.

Tests carried out in March and released in June showed that 86 per cent of the 155 students eligible completed it successfully.

## County to pay Mantracker \$4,500 to film

Television series *Mantracker* will be filming in Haliburton County after county councillors decided at their July 27 meeting to pay \$4,500 to bring the production to the area.

Some members expressed skepticism over how much the local tourism industry would benefit from the series.

A representative from Elliot Lake told councillors in a letter that results were good, though "tough to quantify."

## Local playwright included in anthology

Minden resident Michael Fay's acclaimed play *Never Such Innocence Again* was one of only five full-length community plays selected for *Grassroots: Original Plays from Community Theatres*.

While not produced professionally, the play was a large production for the Highlands back when it was performed in 2005.

It was given nine awards by the Eastern Ontario Drama League that year.

## Women's Institute folds

After 104 years, the Minden Women's Institute announced it was ending its run.

President Pam Rolfe said it is a trend with

women's institutes across the country as memberships dwindle.

Their last luncheon was June 15 at the united church.

## Deputy-reeve lambastes slate

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch spoke her mind at the committee-of-the-whole meeting June 8, accusing the reeve (who was absent) and the other councillors who ran with her as a slate in the election of "harassment, intimidation, disrespect and a massive overload of work" of and on staff.

Her lengthy speech was triggered by the resignation of clerk Cheryl McCarroll, who followed former environment and property operations manager Peter Brown in relocating for another job.

Councillors Larry Clarke and Ken Redpath, who both ran for council on Reid's slate, left the room halfway through Murdoch's speech.

## Severe windstorm destroys homes

No one was seriously injured, but many homes were damaged during a severe windstorm June 8.

Trees were toppled, sometimes on homes, around the Hunter Creek Estates and Lutterworth Pines area south of Minden.

The storm caused power outages throughout central Ontario.



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This shed was destroyed after a tree fell on it during a violent wind storm at Hunter Creek Estates south of Minden on June 8.

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# July 2011

## Canoe FM raises more than \$15,000

Community radio station Canoe FM brought in \$15,900 during their two-day radiothon.

Money came from the local community, but also from such far-off places as Belgium.

## Record-breaking butterfly count

The 12th annual butterfly count in Haliburton County brought some record-breaking results.

There were 60 different species found by 13 observers – 23,660 individual butterflies.

A rare butterfly the size of a dime was also found by participant Margaret Carney who had never heard of the early hairstreak before she found it.

## Rotary Golf Classic raises \$48,000

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation made a whopping \$48,000 from the annual golf classic at the Pinestone Resort.

About 200 golfers participated in a hot day of golfing including a buffet dinner and a Q and A session with NHL player and Haliburtonian Matt Duchene.

Ken Rosenberg scored \$10,000 for a hole-in-one at the fundraiser.

## Man dies in car collision

A Brampton man died after a single-vehicle collision on Little Hawk Lake Road in Algonquin Highlands.

Adam Richard, 27, was killed after his car struck a tree near the intersection with Brae Loch Road around 4:50 p.m. The police have yet to release cause for the collision.

## Boardwalk opens

Federal, provincial and local politicians attended the official opening of the township's new boardwalk July 1 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

The boardwalk connects Invergordon Avenue to the cultural centre and was the last phase of the Riverwalk project.

## Committee gives Enduro

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This family was looking patriotic as it geared up for the crazy river raft race on Canada Day in Minden.

## event green light

The county's economic development committee gave an Enduro bike event scheduled for the fall the green light to use part of the Rail Trail.

Members of the committee heard from organizer Blair Sharpless of the Haliburton Highlands Trail Riders at their July 13 meeting. The event was in its 58th year.

## Councillor resigns

Gary Schultz resigned his position as Ward 3 councillor of Algonquin Highlands at council's July 21 meeting.

"I have mixed feelings about taking this step as I fully intended to be able to serve the municipality for my full term," Schultz said.

He explained he had sold his business, Algonquin Lakeside Inn, and was considering purchasing a resort in Costa Rica. He had served less than one year.

## Fire ban issued for Minden

Following a long span of dry conditions, fire chief

Doug Schell issued a fire ban July 21.

At the same time, Highlands East also issued a ban. Thanks to some well-timed rain, the area was rejuvenated enough to lift the ban July 26.

## \$2 million in outstanding taxes in Algonquin Highlands

At Algonquin Highlands's July 21 meeting, it was revealed there was \$2 million in unpaid taxes in the township and councillors passed a bylaw to begin the tax registration process for some of those properties.

Some owners owed as much as \$30,000.

## Last lap for Highland Yard

After 40 years, Amici Camping Charity decided to discontinue the Highland Yard charity race.

The charity, which raises money to send kids to camp, had a hard time organizing the event as most of their staff work out of Toronto.

Amici executive director Kate Horton said she was looking for a group to take over the race.

# August 2011

## Mail delivery cutoff date pushed back

Canada post pushed back the date it continued to deliver to old mailing addresses in Algonquin Highlands to Feb. 16, 2012.

It had previously said it would discontinue delivering to old postal codes beginning Aug. 16, 2011.

On Aug. 16, 2010, residents of the former Stanhope township were given a new postal code of their own (formerly they had either Haliburton or Minden's postal code) however, many businesses and government organizations have refused to recognize the new code and some residents still rely on the old codes to receive mail.

## Kurt Browning comes out to dental fundraiser

Canadian Olympian figure skater Kurt Browning made an appearance for the inaugural Volunteer Dental Outreach golf tournament Aug. 18 at Blairhampton Golf Club.

About 120 golfers participated in the event, which raised about \$20,000 for the clinic.



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Nancy Garbutt's annual captured the top place at this year's annual Flower Show organized by the Minden and District Horticultural Society.



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These participants smile as they near the end of their ride during the third annual Minden 150 Bike Tour on Aug. 13.

## Scott gets political boost from ex-premier

Former Ontario premier Bill Davis was the guest speaker at a fundraiser for PC candidate Laurie Scott at the Haliburton Curling Club Aug. 24.

Davis, 81, spoke about what it means to be a Progressive Conservative to a crowd of supporters.

## Hydro workers help in Vermont

On Aug. 29, three Hydro One workers from Haliburton County joined 140 crew members in Vermont to assist with storm restoration in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene.

Scott Hamilton, Dan Steele and Jonathan Dysstra, all out of the Minden operations centre, joined many in the U.S. restoring power.

## Irondale church goes up for sale

An offer was put on the Irondale church, despite outcry by the Irondale Historical Society, which wanted to preserve the building.

The Anglican Diocese of Toronto closed the church in 2010 due to increasing costs and dwindling attendance.

Although the society offered \$40,000 for the church, the diocese went ahead with the sale.

It has since been stalled by a law suit.

## Winterfest legacy funds go to county fitness

Fourteen sports and seniors organizations around the county received a portion of the \$33,500 surplus from the Winterfest senior games held in the Highlands Feb. 15 to 17.

On Aug. 22, the legacy committee announced who would be getting that money.

Programs to be funded include pickle ball, golf, carpet bowling and bocce ball.

## Cottager makes water skiing history

In early August, Boshkung Lake cottager Andy Murdison was inducted into the Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada hall of fame.

Murdison was first overall (combined slalom, trick and jump scores) in the boys' division at the national water skiing championships in Lac St. Jean, Que. in 1962.

## Store celebrates 90 years of business

Robinson's General Store celebrated 90 years of operation in August.

Situated on Lake of Bays in Dorset, the store has been run for the last 35 years by Brad Robinson. Robinson grew up in an apartment above the store, which was owned by his father and mother.

# September 2011

## Provincial election campaign heats up

Former MPP Laurie Scott started her campaigning with some tough criticism for the Liberal government.

"Their party has brought in record tax increases, even though they said they wouldn't," she said in an interview.

Scott said she was concerned about unnecessary bureaucracy such as the health governance structure (Local Health Integration Network), harmonized sales tax on home heating and a lack of long-term care beds among other things.

For his part, incumbent Liberal Rick Johnson campaigned both on his 1½ year record and made promises to help enhance health care and other provincial infrastructure.

On Sept. 9, Johnson promised he would do everything he could to bring a CT scanner to Haliburton's hospital, if elected. He also announced he would be fighting for a satellite cancer facility at Lindsay's Ross Memorial Hospital.

## Lake levels make waves with residents

Boshkung Lake residents were distraught in early September with the significant drop in the lake's water levels.

Beached boats, nearly exposed foot valves and an inability to reach the ramp to get boats out of the lake for the season were among the complaints.

Trent-Severn Waterway representatives said that the water was removed from the lakes on an equal percentage drawdown and that the low levels were not setting any records.

## Minden Hills hires second recruiter

Council voted at a special meeting Sept. 13 to seek three quotes by invitation from headhunting firms to hire a clerk/economic development officer for the municipality.

Reeve Barb Reid said that while Minden Hills had posted the job in several places, no suitable candidates had been found.

Some councillors were unhappy with the idea of spending \$20,000 for a second recruiter, while others argued it was necessary to get a good per-



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MPP candidate Rick Johnson, left, Canadian Tire president Mike Arnett, Minden Hills chief administrative officer Gerry Morrison and Reeve Barb Reid pose for a picture at the groundbreaking ceremony for Minden's Canadian Tire store on Sept. 12. The store is expected to open in the spring.

son in the position.

## Policy 28 causes division in council

Councillors continued to disagree over a new policy that involves councillors in employee appraisals.

Policy 28 calls for "voluntary input" from councillors on the evaluation of department heads.

Some councillors thought that government had no place in evaluating staff, while others said this process would help with development of staff.

The policy was passed at the Sept. 29 meeting.

## Gallery celebrates 30 years

On Sept. 20, citizens and politicians joined

members of the local arts community to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

Held in the common room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, the event featured a number of speeches, one from Margot Ziorjen, a friend of Jamieson and one of the founding members of the gallery.

## Terry Fox run sets record

Minden's Terry Fox Run, in its 18th year Sept. 18 raised nearly \$18,000 for cancer research.

Last year, the amount raised was \$14,000.

"I just can't believe the people of this county," organizer Diane Peacock said.

There were 208 participants who biked, ran or walked up to 10 kilometres that day.

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# October 2011

## Four arrested in Minden homicide

Ryan Kennedy, 21, was killed Oct. 19 in a South Lake Road home around 11:45 p.m.

Four men from the GTA were charged with his murder and the attempted murder of a second person.

Tin Wai Hong, Mason Gillard-Gatza, Raphael Guerra and Nathaniel Cane were charged with first degree murder.

## Voters return Scott to office

PC candidate Laurie Scott easily beat her Liberal opponent and incumbent Rick Johnson in the provincial election Oct. 6.

Scott received more than 22,300 votes from Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock while Johnson got about 16,500.

Scott had given up her seat as MPP in 2009 to allow the then-leader of the PC party, John Tory, to run.

Johnson had won that election and served a year and a half as MPP.

Other candidates Don Abel (NDP) and Anita Payne (Green) both said they were happy with their performances on election night.

## Children's Aid Society workers strike

Oct. 17 the Haliburton branch of the Children's Aid Society went on strike.

Following several days of negotiations between the workers and management, a decision was made to stop work.

The workers were seeking concessions on workload, job security, hours of work and layoff language.

The strike affected about 130 workers at branches in Lindsay and Peterborough as well.

## Visible Voices funded for mental illness programming

Money to fund mental health programming for seniors in Haliburton County came from Bell late in October.

Through the Looking Glass, a program of Visible Voices, will be offered to those coping with depression at Hyland Crest and Highland Wood long-term-care homes in Minden and Haliburton.

Activities such as visual art, sculpture, storytelling and fibre art will be used.

Bell committed almost \$36,500 to the project from their Let's Talk Community Fund.

## Hawks field hockey team win COSSA

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School field hockey team earned a path to the provincial championships after beating the St. Peter's Secondary School Saints 3-0 on Oct. 27 at the Central



**Chad Ingram** Staff

The Freedom party's Charles Olito, centre, answers a question during the provincial all candidates' meeting at Pinestone Resort on Oct. 3.

Ontario Secondary School Association final.

The game winner came from McKenzie Hill.

## Rob Lewis participates in provincial golf tournament

Red Hawks golfer Rob Lewis finished 25th at the OFSAA Golf Championships in Belleville Oct. 12 and 13. He shot 76 and 78 over two days. The championships boasted 120 golfers.

## Busy weekend for area firefighters

A structure fire, vehicle rollover and medical assist had emergency crews from Algonquin Highlands on their toes Thanksgiving weekend.

The three separate incidents happened Oct. 8 around 10:30 a.m., all at the same time resulting in multiple crews heading in different directions.

## Pair of potters capture arts honour

Debbie Wales and Rickie Woods shared the Bill Lambie Arts Alive Award this year.

Presented at the sixth annual Arts Exposed fundraising gala Oct. 29 at the Minden Community Centre, each potter knew the other was winning but

was unaware the award would be shared together.

More than 100 people were at the evening and just more than \$8,000 was raised.

## Scott named PC MNR critic

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott was named PC critic for natural resources and women's issues.

The appointment was made in Queen's Park in late October.



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Music by Simply Befiddled was a part of a summery afternoon on Oct. 7 for the final Haliburton County Farmers' Market of the season.

# November 2011

## Ross Rigney dies

Former reeve of Snowdon township and first reeve of the amalgamated Minden Hills Ross Rigney died Nov. 1.

Rigney was 76, had publicly battled prostate cancer, and had survived a stroke in the last decade.

## Field hockey team falls short at OFSAA

Despite a stellar season, the Red Hawks girls' field hockey team was unable to capture a top spot at the provincial championships.

Hosted in York Region, the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations finals ran from Nov. 3 to 5.

The Hawks were defeated 3-2 by Pickering in their first game and shut out 4-0 by Oakville.

## MNR fire base likely to leave Haliburton

Algonquin Highlands council held a four-hour meeting Nov. 7 to discuss the construction of a new Ministry of Natural Resources fire base on the Stanhope Airport property.

"They're advanced enough they've had architects do a footprint on the land," Reeve Carol Moffatt said.

The base is currently situated in the town of Haliburton.

## Canoe FM tops the charts

Community radio station Canoe FM brought in more revenue than ever last year with about \$240,000.

That money is spent on operating costs (about \$220,000 a year) with the rest being invested into updating and improving the reliability of broadcast equipment, software and programming.

The station's annual general meeting was held Nov. 14 with the largest attendance ever.

## AH recovers \$600,000 in back taxes

At its Nov. 24 council meeting, councillors heard from treasurer Tammy McKelvey that the municipality had been successful in reducing its arrears by about \$600,000.



Darren Lum Staff

Three-year-old Clementine Bainbridge closely examines the Charlie Brown Christmas tree during the Minden Hills Festival of Trees held at the Minden Cultural Centre on Thursday, Nov. 24. The tree was made by event volunteers.

McKelvey had alerted council to the unpaid back taxes at a July meeting.

## Highland Yard to be revived

Places for People and the Rotary Club of Minden announced they would take over the operation of the 40-year-old race.

"We're very happy to do this," Jack Russel of Places for People told the paper.

The fundraiser will take place Sunday, Aug. 5 in 2012.

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Bernice Owens of the Kinmount Legion performs a reading during a Remembrance Day ceremony in the village on Nov. 11.

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# December 2011

## Deal reached in CAS labour dispute

The Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society and its workers reached a tentative settlement following a seven-week strike on Dec. 2.

OPSEU Local 334 represents about 120 child protection and administrative support staff at the CAS, which covers Haliburton, Lindsay and Peterborough.

The workers had been without a contract since March.

## YWCA marks 25 years in county

In early December, 1986, the Peterborough YWCA expanded its service to Haliburton opening a family violence safety network outreach office.

The organization ran a six-month investigation into the need in the Highlands and found that many were in particularly bad situations.

"From the very beginning, we realized that the circumstances of women in Haliburton County were particularly dire," executive director Lynn Zimmer said.

The YWCA has since expanded services to include education work, counselling, outreach and a safe place for women fleeing violence.

## \$20,000 raised for county food banks

For the second year in a row, the community gave big to the food banks during Moose FM's 24-hour radiothon.

On Dec. 8 and 9, more than \$20,000 was donated to support the county's food banks, which include the 4Cs in Haliburton and the Minden Food Bank.

## Three women awarded Guardian Angel Awards

On the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, the YWCA gave out special awards to women in the community who fight for equality.

Marilynne Lesperance, Carla Watson and Jane van Nood were all honoured in a special ceremony at Fleming College Dec. 6.

Fearrey becomes warden for 11th time

Tough economic times were the theme of the inaugural county council meeting.

Councillors chose Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey to lead the group through 2012 as warden at a special ceremony Dec. 13.

Many of the current county councillors are new to their roles and it was felt Fearrey had the experience to steer the ship during the difficult financial climate.



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The Dairy Queen to be built on the old Rusty's Auto Service property at the corner of Highway 35 and Bobcaygeon Road is expected to be completed in summer of 2012. Work crews were taking down the old garage on the property on the morning of Dec. 5.

## Longtime weatherman retires

After 62 years of taking the town's temperature, Phil Graham hung up his thermometer in December.

At age 87, Graham decided to stop recording the weather for Minden for health reasons.

## Brim Stone takes on world cup

Kayla Wilkins made it through the first-ever Roller Derby World Cup with no injuries and a silver medal.

Wilkins, a.k.a. Brim Stone, was in Toronto the first weekend of December playing as part of Team Canada in the inaugural international competition that saw 13 countries complete.

"The event was incredible. It was amazing to just be in the venue and feel the excitement," Wilkins told the *Times*.

## Ratcliff wins Monk Award

Former Minden Hills councillor Rick Ratcliff was honoured with the Gordon A. Monk Award for Volunteerism and Citizenship in early December.

Ratcliff has volunteered with the Legion, food bank, Winterfest, Terry Fox Run, Lochlin Community Centre and Canadian Cancer Society. He co-founded the local prostate cancer support group and has served on the farmers' market and county fair boards as well as being a Rotarian.

## Parkes given high honour

The Minden Legion honoured one of its own giving Georgina Parkes a life membership on Dec. 22.

Parkes has served as sports officer, treasurer, seniors' committee chairwoman and branch president and is currently the chairwoman of the Legion's poppy fund.

She received a plaque and a crest identifying her as a life member.



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Lochlin United Church was full on Dec. 14 during an annual Christmas carol sing. Attendees brought items for the foodbank.

# Morrison tournament to honour Canadian troops

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

This year's upcoming fourth annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament is honouring the Canadian Military and will include the appearance of the Stanley Cup.

Hosted at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden and the Dysart Arena in Haliburton, the tournament boasts hundreds of players vying for top-spot in a variety of divisions to help raise money for Community Care Haliburton County, which helps seniors and adults with disabilities.

The three-day event (Feb. 3 to 5) starts with Scotty's Charity Dinner on Friday, featuring two-time Stanley Cup winner Mark Napier, as guest speaker, and Hockey Hall of Fame inductee, Bryan Lewis, as MC held at the Minden Community Centre; a meet and greet with Canadian soldiers and an opportunity to see the Stanley Cup on the next day at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton, and is followed by the evening exhibition game between the Canadian Forces Bases hockey teams from Petawawa and Borden, which will include a few NHL alumni players on both rosters and former NHL officials such as Ray Scapinello officiating at the Dysart Arena, starting at 7 p.m.

For Scotty Morrison, the man that the tournament is named after, honouring the military this year made sense for several reasons.

Last year, the national amputee team

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**This year we felt it was poignant to honour the military because they're pulling out of Afghanistan. We can't thank the troops enough.**

—Hilary Elia

included one soldier who had seen his world change when he lost his leg in combat, but had it restored by hockey, finding his verve for life because of the game. Napier, who has made the trip several times, and Hall of Fame referee Lewis both visited Canadian troops in Afghanistan, seeing the soldiers making efforts towards creating peace. Morrison's long-time good friend Bill Beagan had 13 year career with the Canadian Forces before becoming an NHL referee and then held a variety of administrative posts for professional and amateur hockey leagues.

“This all ties in nicely together and I thought here is an opportunity to just recognize the [Canadian Forces],” he said, adding it was also time for a change to the event.

Event organizer Hilary Elia of Community

Care Haliburton County, who has a personal connection with her older brother, David Morrin, serving with the British Forces, said this is the first time in three years the event will not have the Canadian Amputee hockey team square off against an Ontario Provincial Police hockey team in the special exhibition game on Saturday night.

“We've been honoured to have the amputee team and the OPP for the last three years and we just wanted to change it up a little bit.

“This year we felt it was poignant to honour the military because they're pulling out of Afghanistan,” Elia said. “We can't thank the troops enough. There are connections here with Remembrance Day and the troops coming in from the different areas. It's really just a wonderful day to say thank you and a lot of our clients have also served in the military in the Second World War. We still have a lot of them obviously alive that we're servicing now. I think it will be important for them to feel that they're remembered and honoured.”

There is currently communication with area Legions to expand this multi-day event to include more features in the same time frame.

The soldiers and the Stanley Cup will be available between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion.

Elia said admission to the game is by donation to enable everyone the opportunity attend.

With all of the features, Morrison hopes

the focus for the event isn't lost.

“What we don't want to lose sight of is that the whole purpose of the tournament is as a fundraiser for Community Care and that's the whole thrust behind it,” Morrison said. “We all know what a good job Community Care does for Haliburton County. It is one of the major fundraisers for Community Care. That part in of itself makes it pretty important.”

Proceeds from the event benefit local residents serviced by the Community Care Haliburton County, which includes the provision of the Meals on Wheels and Diner's Club, as well as assistance with home maintenance, home help, friendly visiting, social recreation and transportation, to name a few.

Morrison adds the success of this event is owed in large part to the support from the tournament participants to the corporate sponsorship by the business community.

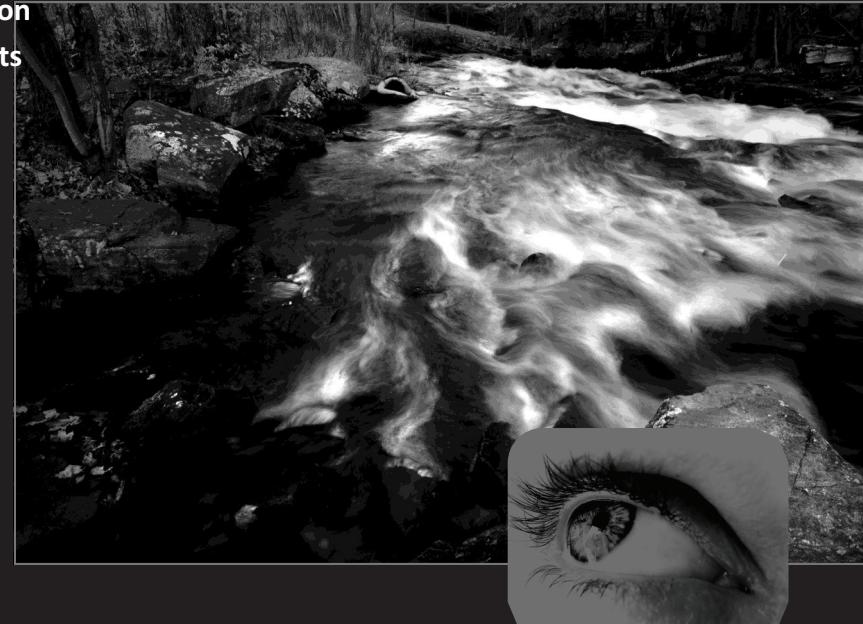
He learned first-hand the importance of services provided by Community Care when he was the sole caregiver for his dying wife years ago.

Morrison said being one of two trustees at the Hockey Hall of Fame helped to influence the decision to bring the cup to the county Saturday.

Sponsorship is available for the event by contacting Elia directly at hilary@communitycarehaliburton.com.

For additional information or registration see [communitycarehaliburton.com](http://communitycarehaliburton.com) and [grasscreekhockey.com](http://grasscreekhockey.com).

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# Red Hawks curlers qualify for Kawartha

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

It wasn't perfect, but the Pottier rink will have plenty of time to improve after advancing to the Kawartha championships with a second place finish at the Kawartha qualifier hosted at the Lindsay Curling Club on Dec. 14 and Dec. 22.

The team that is comprised of Grade 11s Laura Pottier, skip, Emily Shapiera, second, Sydney David, lead, Holly Broderick, lead, (both alternate as leads) and Grade 9 Alex Casper, vice, represent the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks.

Their ability to finish out the tournament with a convincing win against the I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats (10-5) secured them the second place finish in a field of five schools to earn a berth (one of four) to the Kawartha finals at the Lindsay Curling Club on Feb. 9 and Feb. 15.

Teacher coach Kathy Hutson, who defers the bulk of the coaching duties to Scotty Boyd, said this last tournament win was her highlight, as the team scored four points in the fourth end and added five more in the sixth end. The Wildcats conceded the loss at the end of the sixth. The Red Hawks finished with a 2-2 tournament record in a field of teams that included I.E. Weldon, Fenelon Falls Secondary School, St. Mary's, and Cambellford.

The teamcurls out of the Minden Curling Club and is coached by Scotty Boyd, who believes there is potential to not only advance past Kawartha and win the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) championship, but also win it all.

"This team, I feel, has the potential to qualify for COSSA and eventually for OFSAA. Only the top team in COSSA goes on. Last year we were second in COSSA but the girls have a great opportunity to go on if they play up to their potential," Boyd said.

Returning from last year's team are Pottier, Broderick and Shapiera, who were successful in capturing a Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship sil-

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— Scotty Boyd

ver.

"Between now and the Kawartha Finals, we will be tweaking deliveries, weight control and sweeping, etc. We always reinforce the basics and certainly go over game situations to improve our strategies," he said, adding the team has been getting more game time by regularly competing in the Monday Night Ladies' league hosted at the Minden Curling Club.

The coaching staff includes Michele Shapiera.

#### Tournament breakdown

Wed. Dec. 14

1st game against FFSS – win  
2nd game against St. Mary's (Cobourg) – loss  
– tied after eight ends  
– draw to the button (measure to see who was closest for win) by a member of each team

Thurs. Dec. 22

1st game against Campbellford (last year's COSSA champs) – 8-5 loss  
2nd game against IEWSS (Lindsay) – 10-5 win  
– Weldon concedes after 6 ends

## High school three stars named for December

Kawartha Boys High School Hockey League announced its Boston Pizza three stars for December on Thursday, Dec. 29.

First star is Brett Yake, from Haliburton, who recorded nine goals and eight assists for 17 points in five games leading the Red Hawks to a perfect 5-0 month.

Second star is Jackson Bellamy, Grade 11 captain of Norwood who lead the team

in plus minus while playing on all special teams, helping the Knights to four wins and one tie this month.

Third star is Mitch Gibson, of St. Mary, who concluded the month with an eight-point game and a total of 18 points for third in league scoring, helping the Thunder keep pace in the playoff race.

Players will all receive awards from Boston Pizza Peterborough locations.

## League champions presented with trophies at playoffs

The Minden Curling Club Daytime Division held its first schedule league playoffs during the week of Dec. 12. The league champions were presented with their tro-

phies at that time. /Submitted by Gord Sheehan

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Pictured with their trophies from left to right:  
Monday Mixed, Dominion Hotel Trophy was the team of Mary Copeland – lead, Ray Kidon - second, Pat Woodcoft - skip and Steve Erdelyi – vice.



Pictured with their trophies from left to right:  
Wednesday Ladies, Lorne Coburn Memorial Trophy was the team of Joyce Nilsson – second, Deanna Garbutt – lead, Winn Taylor – skip and Sandria Garry – vice.

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# Minden Curling Club Daytime Division receive trophies

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The Minden Curling Club Daytime Division held its first schedule league playoffs

during the week of Dec. 12. The League champions were presented with their trophies at that time. /Submitted by Gord Sheehan



Pictured with their trophies from left to right: Thursday Men's, Art Hodgkinson Memorial trophy was the team of John Saxun – lead, Gord Sheehan – second, Iain Kay – vice and Dave Heaven – skip.



Pictured with their trophies from left to right: Friday Mixed Pairs, Harold Morgan Trophy were the pairs of Walter Braker, Barbara Braker – back end and Joanne Bobbie, Ron Bobbie – front end.

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## Peewee As tackle Christmas Classic

Dr. Ed Smolen Family Dentistry sponsored Peewee As took part in the three-day PMHA Christmas Classic Pee-wee Division Tournament Dec. 28, 29 and 30. I was unable to attend but our boys did great.

There were two games each day starting with the first at 3 p.m., then the second was usually at 6 or 7 p.m. both Wednesday and Thursday.

The first game was against Prince Edward County Kings who we have met at other tournaments, the Storm boys pulled out a win of 4-3, then they moved onto the second game of the day at 7pm against the Newcastle Stars. The team once again pulled out with a win of 2-1.

On Thursday the first game at 3 p.m. was against the Manvers Mustangs, the Storm must have tired of winning by one goal and won 4-0 giving goalie Parker Smolen the first of three shutouts in the tournament.

The following game at 6 p.m. still had the boys in a winning mood, and they took the game 8-0 against the Coldwater Wildcats.

This fourth win move the boys into the semi finals in top place, therefore parents and players either had to stay in Peterborough another night or do the drive again for a third day.

The Highland Storm Peewee As made it worth it, by winning the semi finals against Brighton 4-0 moving them on to the championship game at 7 p.m. vs South Grenville. Receiving some of the play by play via texting we were able at home to keep track of some of the game.

It took a while for the scoring to start and it was first

done by South Grenville. Then after a couple of penalties to the Storm and managing to hold off South Grenville at one point having five players against our three the Storm decided enough was enough and went for the win. I believe the Storm tied it up 1-1 then pulled ahead 2-1 and then Greg Crofts got a goal before the end of the second period.

The third period saw South Grenville score to make 2-3, but nearing the end of the third Jake Bishop scored and the final and winning score of 4-2, making the boys Champions of the tournament and playing a total of six games in three days. What a way to end the year. Congratulations!

I apologize for not being able to acknowledge everyone's goals and assists, but this was obviously a great team effort and everyone is responsible for the outcome.

(Matt Wilbee got his 50th goal during this tournament an achievement well worth mentioning.)

*Submitted by Karena Crofts*

## Tykes win against Sturgeon Lake

Jan. 2, Highland Storm Tyke team travelled to Bobcaygeon to face off against the Sturgeon Lake Tykes.

With no score after the first, they came to play and scored against us. Battling hard Hunter scored with an assist by Damon.

Down to the last few minutes of the game, Nick scored. We won 2-1.

Next game is Jan. 7 at 1:30 in Gravenhurst

*Submitted by Monica Keefer*

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# Forgetting the white stuff on your car roof can be catastrophic

**Joe Duarte,**  
QMI Agency

Have you ever driven away and forgotten something on the roof of the car? Maybe it's a coffee that you placed there while fumbling for your keys and then once you got in the car and got all situated (making sure the seat heaters were on, the fan was blowing in the right places, the defrost was going, your Bluetooth was connected, etc.), you simply buckled up and drove off, only realizing you forgot to grab your coffee when

you make a grab for it in the empty cupholder or as it goes sliding down the rear window, tumbling over the trunk lid and crashing onto the road behind.

Hopefully, that's as bad as your misfortune got and you're out a couple bucks at the most, and you didn't pull a Clark Griswold and forgot to untie Aunt Edna's pooch from the back bumper after stopping for the night at a campground. I've left ball caps and newspapers on top of roofs, also. There's not much harm that comes from that either, either, unless they startle other drivers or stick to their windshields. But usually, they blow off before you even leave the parking spot.

You could probably see it happen, but often you don't realize they're even missing until you get out at your next stop, when you want to put your cap on or check something in the paper.

Anyway, it usually happens once to me and then I'm extra careful the next time I stop for a drink.

However, there seem to be a lot of people who constantly forget the snow on the tops of their cars. I know it's understandable when you come out on a wintery morning and you start the car up (making sure the seat heaters are on, the fan is blowing in the right places, the defrost is going, the windows are all scraped clean, etc.), you simply throw the snow brush in the trunk, buckle up and drive off, only realizing you forgot to clear the roof when all the snow blows all over your freshly cleared rear window or the stuff on top of the trunk lid blows off in your car's wake causing a virtual white out of the road behind. Or maybe you forgot the one on the hood, which is now blowing on your windshield and totally obscuring your view as effectively as a lake-effect squall.

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# Hyland Crest gets a special visitor

Santa came early to Hyland Crest on Dec. 23 but asked his elves to return later on Christmas Day to distribute gifts to the residents. Staff members Julie Stewart-Hurle, Sandra Paull and Karen Saunders dressed for the occasion to spread Christmas cheer and spend time with the residents of Hyland Crest.

Photos submitted by Shawn Bolger, manager of food and support services, Haliburton Highlands Health Services



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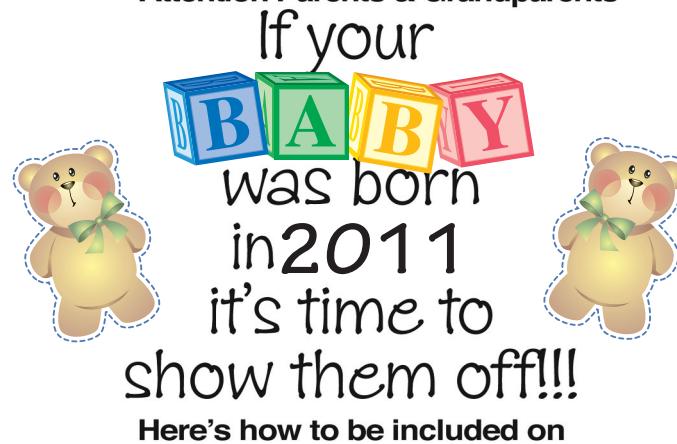
Santa's elf, Sandra Paul, gives resident Winnie Copper a gift from Santa.



Julie Stewart-Hurle gives Fred Patullo a present from Santa.

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## Coming Events



### HALIBURTON MOVIE NIGHTS

Thursday, Jan 12/12:

#### STARBUCK

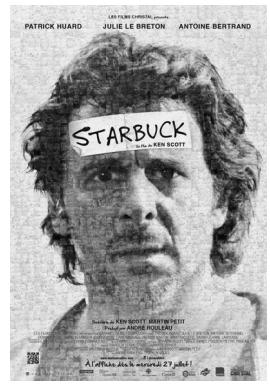
This 2011 comedy from Quebec, with its highly unlikely premise, somehow manages to deliver the laughs while offering some truly poignant moments. Considering its subject matter.... former sperm donor slacker learns he has fathered 533 children, the comedy never digresses into juvenile bathroom humour. Starring Patrick Huard (*Bon Cop, Bad Cop*) and Julie LeBreton (*The Rocket*). French with English subtitles.

Rated 14A - 103 min

Coming next.... Thursday, Feb 9/12: MIDNIGHT IN PARIS

2 shows - 4:15 & 7:15 - Tickets \$8.00 at the door  
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### Lighting up the new year

A pile of Christmas trees were torched in a bonfire that's become an annual tradition at Minden Hills's family New Year's Eve party. /Photo submitted by Richard Bradley

# community calendar



What's happening in the County

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OEYC Minden & Haliburton will be December 21, re-opening on January 9. Starting January 2012, we will open at 9 am and close at 12:30 pm.

**Jan 5 – Feb 25** Evidence at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden Opening reception Saturday, January 14 at 1pm This is a group exhibition featuring photographers Ryan Szulc and Darren Lum exploring the role of photography today. Is the ultimate role of photography to document? Does society hold it as the true witness of our time? How much do we trust it? If it has become abused by technology is it just 'eye-candy' or is this what we as a society will be historically known as? This exhibition moves from shocking to stark realities that pull the viewer through a myriad of emotions. Laurie Carmount curator, 705-286-3763 gallery@mindenhillls.ca, [www.mindenculturalcentre.com](http://www.mindenculturalcentre.com)

**Jan 11:** The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at 1 pm at the Stanhope Community Centre featuring a trunk show by Judith Cole. If you wish to make placemats or wonky coasters come prepared at 10 am. For information call Pat Stiver (705) 489-3751

**Jan 15 : Razzamataz Kids Shows!** – Motus O Dance Theatre presents "Circus Terrifico" 2:00 pm- Northern Lights Pavilion We meet 3 circus performers boarding the train to their next show. A case of vanishing tickets, however, thwarts their plans and strands them on the platform. It takes every trick in the book (and their suitcases) to create an impromptu show to raise money for new tickets. Performed with the signature Motus O physicality and humour, see for yourself how a little magic, some juggling, tight-rope walking and fortune-telling can fulfill every child's fantasy to 'run off and join the circus'

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• **Highland's Hand weavers & Spinners Guild** meet at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm For more information call Marian Gillanders at 705-489-3574

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Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

# Come out for Dorset's ladies' night



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Happy new year and I send a wish for many blessings, health and happiness to all in 2012!

The next Dorset Book Club takes place on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 1 p.m. and the group will be talking about *Room* by Emma Donoghue. All are welcome. For more information, contact the library at 705-766-9968.

The next Dorset Ladies' Night takes place on Wednesday, Jan. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. and all ladies are welcome. The cost to participate is \$5 per person. Call the recreation centre at 705-766-9968 for more information or to sign up.

Call 705-766-9968, drop in to the Dorset Recreation Centre or send an email to [drc@algonquinhighlands.com](mailto:drc@algonquinhighlands.com) to sign up for the Winterfest Yoga classes (subsidized by the Winterfest Legacy fund). There will be a four-week session offered Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. from Jan. 11 to Feb. 1. The cost is \$5 per person (normal fee is \$15) and all are welcome. A minimum is required for the program to run so if you are interested, please call to sign up to ensure the class is a go.

Yoga is a wonderful practice that can help to reduce stress, strengthen and rejuvenate the body, increase flexibility and energy, improve self awareness and promote healthy living and healing.

Why not stick around right after yoga class for the Mid Week Power Jam hand drumming session with Gillian Thomas of Rhythmic by Nature from 11:15 a.m. to noon.

Explore your own sense of rhythm and discover the joy

of music making. Participants will use African hand drums and percussion instruments which are provided and will learn loose and some structured rhythms.

Participants will be given lots of opportunity for exploration in a fun and non-judgmental environment. No experience is necessary and all from beginners to experienced hand drummers are welcome. Feel free to bring your own drum if you have one. The cost is \$10 per person. To sign up or find out more, give the Recreation Centre a call at 705-766-9968.

Birthday wishes for the week of Jan. 1 to 7 go out to Larry Bradbury, John Clayton, Jordan Wilson and Alex Jordan. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at [melalfano@hotmail.com](mailto:melalfano@hotmail.com) or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

## Suet cakes reward feathered friends on cold days



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Around the Town

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By the time this column goes to print the new year will be well into its first week and many regular activities back on schedule. For details visit [www.kinmount.ca](http://www.kinmount.ca) where you can also check out the Kinmount Arena rink report.

After a busy but green Christmas in Ajax it is good to be back home again looking out over a picture perfect snow scene. Before heading out on Boxing Day for Kinmount we stopped off at the busy Stouffville Arena to watch grandson Ben's team win its first game in the annual tournament (no goals this time but one "helper" as he calls an assist). The next morning however it was a 5-5 tie with #8 Fleury scoring four goals and a "helper". On arrival at the old farmhouse the chickadees and blue jays greeted us at the feeders and today were rewarded with suet cakes for added warmth. The small number of birds seen at the farmhouse through summer, fall and now early winter remains a concern. Other years a pair of nesting killdeers always set up

housekeeping beside the pond but no sign of them in 2011. When we operated the children's summer camp I recall having to wait at least one pre-camp for the fledgling barn swallows to learn to fly from their nests in the canoes so that they could be moved to the lake. If you are also noticing a change be sure to hang out the feeders and keep them filled. During winter's isolation the rewards will be more than worth the effort.

Regular ongoing activities will soon be resuming. Kinmount playschool operates on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. until noon at the Community Centre with the Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach visiting the first and third Monday of each month. For school age girls the Kinmount Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Monday evenings at the Community Centre (705-488-2919). Many programs are offered at the Kinmount Library with the branch open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For details call 705-488-3199. Tai Chi Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays at the Galway Hall from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and for more information please call 705-286-1444. Yoga instruction is also available on Wednesdays evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Kinmount Community Centre. The contact number is

705-457-9294. The Seniors meet every Monday afternoon at the Legion Branch 441 for a pot luck lunch at 12:30 pm followed by bid euchre at 1 p.m. Also at the Legion Friday night is Bingo Night starting at 6:45 p.m. with a \$300 "must go" jackpot.

For those of Scottish descent or wish they were the annual Robbie Burns Night at the Burnt River Community Centre is coming up on Saturday, Jan. 14. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. with an evening of Scottish entertainment to follow. Please note that this is a licensed event and tickets are available on order by calling the event coordinator June at 705-454-8045 or 705-454-1653. In this household two Clans compete with Bruce a Forbes and me a Fraser.

At the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount it will be Karaoke Night on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 8 p.m. with Back Forty. There is no admission charge and non-members are welcome to join in.

As in past years the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace will close for the month of January for upgrades and new displays. It will reopen in February on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for your tax free shopping. Thank you to all who supported this non-profit initiative which markets local arts and handcrafts during 2011.

Until next week...

## Our town isn't that big! It's just big hearted!



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The Carnarvon Bowl was really rocking for new year's eve! I'm sure there were many fabulous parties all over the place but since the Carnarvon Bowl is the closest, that's where we went. As usual the 'Ya Baby's' put on an amazing performance that got most of us up and dancing.

There was a real mix of people, those who got dressed up to the nines, those in bluejeans and the in-betweens.

Around midnight Chris treated us to his famous home-made chili, meatballs and sandwiches.

Strange but true I wasn't very hungry since we had made a big meal prior to going out.

Usually the hugging and kissing is the midnight ritual but in this case it was all evening long. The place was just packed with neighbours who have become good friends through the years. My daughter Natalie's boyfriend Rob remarked on how many people were in the hall, I explained to him that they weren't just from Carnarvon but Minden and Haliburton as well. Our town isn't that

big! It's just big hearted!

By the time New Years Eve rolls around we are all ready for some fun. The place was packed.

We are settling in the "new" old house, it was much easier for us humans than my animal family. Cosmo has been running up and down the steep stairs to the loft from day one but Bella has had trouble since we never had stairs at the other place except for the basement which they never ventured into. Mogley the black cat lives upstairs mostly and Ashley, the social butterfly is wherever I am. She is my shadow.

I swore I was never going to have this many pets again but there's something about big loving eyes.

Which brings me to this gentle reminder of winter and pets. Please consider your extended family this winter by making sure they have fresh food, clean water and a real warm place should you decide to leave them outside. Personally, I think all pets should be indoors for the winter. But that's just me speaking.

As we are starting this new year I thought I would pass on this list of the most popular resolutions that people made: Spend more time with family and friends, get more fit, quit smoking, enjoy life more, quit drinking, get out of debt, learn something new, help others, get organized

To all my readers - please have a wonderful new year

and don't make any new year's resolutions you can't keep.

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## Marking your milestones.

### Deaths

**BILLINGS, Vincent C.** - Peacefully was called home to his maker at the Haliburton Hospital on December 24, 2011 surrounded by his family, following a short but valiant battle with cancer. Vince leaves behind his beloved partner of 45 years Tia. He will be greatly missed by his children; Glenn, Richard and his wife Shelley, Margaret and her husband David, Robert, Gregg, Maureen, Grant and partner Cheryl, Robbyn and her husband Gary, and by his many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dear son-in-law of Vilma Sinkelman. Fondly remembered by his sisters, brothers, their families, as well as his many friends. At Vince's request, there will be no public visitation or service and cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.** P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 [www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com](http://www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com)

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**PHILLIPS, Dolores June (nee McGrath)** - Passed away at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Tuesday, December 27, 2011. In her 81st year. Beloved wife of the late Bill Phillips. Dear mother of Kim of Haliburton, Kevin of Toronto and Steve Tanner of Hamilton. Loving grandma of Stephanie, Warren and Raven. Dear sister of Ross (deceased), Barbara and Ivan. Fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to a Memorial Service at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P. O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Friday, January 6, 2012 at 1:00 pm. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Arthritis Society would be appreciated by the family. [www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com](http://www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com)

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### Deaths



**SCOTT, Archie Edward** - Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, December 22, 2011 at the age of 87, after a courageous 3 year battle with prostate cancer. Beloved husband of Viola Scott for almost 60 years. Dearly loved father of Debra Scott (Roger) of Gooderham, Wayne Thompson (Tanus) of Cannington, Sandi Martyn of Aurora and predeceased by daughter Sheila Bennett (1996). Sadly missed by grandchildren Cynthia Martyn, Tanya and Tammy Thompson, Jennifer, Jody, Julie and Jordanna Graham, as well as 5 great grandchildren. Loving brother to Ev Stata of Haliburton, and predeceased by brothers John, and Ben, by sister Selina Adams, as well as by half brother and sister Norm Scott and Leita Sisson. We will all miss Poppa's teasing, his loving support, his music, and his immense pride in all of us. We are so very proud of you Poppa! Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 from 4:00 until 7:00 pm. Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel on Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at 1:00 pm. Spring Interment at the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery, Maple Lake. Memorial Donations to the Prostate Cancer Canada or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF X-Ray Fund) would be appreciated by the family. [www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com](http://www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com)

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Guide her through the storm  
Sit with her in sunshine  
And let the wind blow warm  
Play her favorite music  
And when you see her smile  
Tell her that we love her  
And she's thought of all the while

Sadly missed, forever in our hearts  
Sharon, Linda, Kathy,  
Wendy & families

### In memoriam

**McIlvenny, Maurice (Moe)**. In loving memory of a dear spouse who passed away January 9th, 2011.

*Thinking of the things we used to do and say,  
Just you and I.*

*Sometimes it makes me smile,*

*Sometimes it makes me cry,*

*But are precious to me alone,*

*memories of you and I.*

*Forever missed but always in my Heart*

*Love Pat.*

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### Gordon E. Pierson

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario and formerly of Oshawa)

Gordon Edgar Pierson on Eagle Lake, formerly of Oshawa Ontario, age 82, passed peacefully into God's care at 4:55 PM December 30th, 2011. Gord remained pain free and fought to stay with us as long as his body would permit him to. Son of the late William and Leta Pierson of Oshawa, Gord (Mountain Man) Pierson will be missed deeply by the love of his life and wife of 57 years, Doris Pierson, his children, son Jim Pierson (wife Helen), daughter Leslie Currie (husband David), daughter Suzanne McKechnie (husband Walt), daughter Jane Williston and his 8 grandchildren Will, Jon, Sean, Erin, Tatum, Hunter, Sarah, Carter and extended family Katie and Shannon McKechnie and David Cox. Survived by his brother Jack of Aurora (formerly of Oshawa) and his sister Elinore Guest of Oshawa. Gord leaves the legacy of a life well lived. A GM employee of 39 years, Gord served as a Steward on the Board of Kingsview United Church, (Oshawa), Gord was a King Scout and served on the Board of Directors for Camp Samac (Oshawa), a former Master of Lebanon Masonic Lodge Oshawa, an avid skier and tennis player. Gord was a lifetime member of the Oshawa Ski Club, volunteering eight years on the Ski Patrol and for the past thirty seven years was a skier at Sir Sam's Ski Area in Haliburton. Gord will be missed by many.

### Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Thursday January 5, 2012 from 1 - 4 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held in the Chapel on Friday morning, January 6, 2012 at 11 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or the Canadian Prostate Cancer Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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### Gina Salvatori (nee Eleuteri)

(Resident of Haliburton Lake, Ontario)

Peacefully, surrounded by her children and grandchildren at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket, on Friday, December 30, 2011, at the age of 93. Predeceased by her beloved husband Frank, (1984), and loving son Evo, (2007). Loving mother of Eva & Warren Cresswell and daughter-in-law Judy. Very proud and loving nonna of Melissa & Travis, Amanda & Dan, Scott & Kimberly, and Nadia. Adoring bis-nonna to Nathan, Vanessa, Kate, Kylee, Karissa, Victory, and predeceased by Aubree, (2008). Gina was a loving sister-in-law, aunt, great aunt, and a true friend to many. She will be sadly missed, but her love will live on.

### Visitation & Funeral Service

Family and friends may call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523, Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario from 3 - 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2012. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at **ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH** 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton, Ontario, on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 12 noon. As expressions of sympathy donations may be made to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church or the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario and would be appreciated by the family.

Lord, thank you so much for the gift of Gina. She taught us to love unconditionally, take care of each other, and always forgive. You have blessed her with a wonderful life, and for this, we are grateful. Her memory fills our heart with Your love, our lives with Your peace, and our homes with Your joy. Amen

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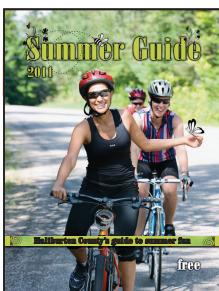
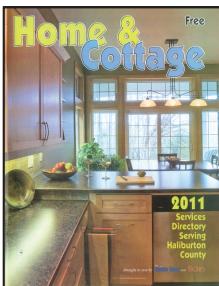
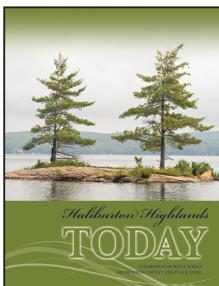
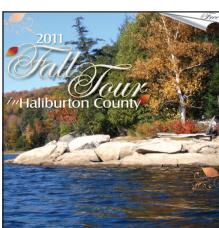


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<b>Irondale River \$265,000</b>  Private 10.9 acre property with country home features 3 BRs, 2 baths, fireplace, full bsmt, dbl. att'd garage. Upgrades incl. new floors throughout main level, updated bathroom, propane furnace, hard-wired generator, central air, well pump and pressure tank. Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32	<b>Get Your Plans Ready! \$69,900</b>  This is what you have been waiting for! Great building lot featuring a large pond, garage, bunkie plus a well built Gazebo. Peter Franzen 286-2138 x 51	<b>Seeing is Believing \$349,000</b>  Newer home on 2.98 private acres boasts a full length covered veranda. Features a modern kitchen w/walkout, mn flr laundry, mn flr master w/ ensuite and walk in closet. Upper loft has family rm, office, 4 pc bath and 2 more BRs. Fully finished bsmt includes a granny flat, 2 1/2 car garage with upper loft. Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23	<b>Gull River \$479,000</b>  25 Acres forest over 2000 ft of Gull River fr. Boat or canoe to 3 lakes, great fishing. Level/trails. Pine log home, handicap friendly. 3 Baths 3 BRs, cozy loft, massive FP, wood flrs, 3000 sqft of living space. Gloria Carnochan & Cindy Muenzel 754-1932	<b>2 Large Building Lots</b>  Adjacent lots are level and nicely wooded with evergreens, easy year round access, sandy soil & close to both Haliburton or Minden. Over an acre offered at \$18,500 and over 4 acres offered at \$29,800. Wilfred VanLieshout - 457-2128 x 27
<b>Saskatchewan Lake \$189,900</b>  Western exposure, sand beach, gorgeous view, cleared building site, driveway in, hydro on lot, just waiting for you to build your dream waterfront home. Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25	<b>Miskwabi Lake \$419,900</b>  Charming 3 BR chalet on level, private, family-friendly lot with 192' shoreline, deep water off dock. 2-lake chain with miles of boating. Year round Municipal road access. Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33	<b>Kushog Charmer \$315,000</b>  Completely private & updated this 3 BR cottage sits at the water's edge and features a wood stove, new kitchen and master BR walk out to screened deck. Shoreline is rock shelf and very deep off the cantilevered dock. Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968	<b>Kennisis River \$279,000</b>  Private 410 feet on the clean, clear Kennisis River out of Big Hawk Lk. 2000 s.f. 3 bdrm, 3 bath home. Main floor master with ensuite, 24x24 double insulated garage, 20x22 workshop with 220V, plus 10x18 snowmobile shed. Flat lot with lots of parking. Lee Gauthier 489-9968	<b>Excellent Value! \$164,900</b>  Spacious family home on corner lot just minutes from schools, shopping and all that Minden has to offer. Open concept Kitchen/dining room, large living room, finished basement with woodstove and tons of storage! Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29
<b>Studio-Home-In-Law \$349,000</b>  Work at home, extra apartment for in-laws! Off of Cty. Rd #21 central location provides bsmt studio to ample parking, a dbl garage separates an in-law fully contained apt. + open concept 3 + 1 BR home. Many interesting features! Price includes HST. Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22	<b>Wenona Lake Deeded Access \$144,000</b>  This 2 bedroom 1 bath cottage/home is great for the first time buyer. Maintenance free exterior with vinyl siding, a metal roof and paved driveway. Cute and cozy inside, nice rec room with a propane stove. Deeded access to Wenona Lake close by. Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28	<b>Blairhampton Rd. Vacant Lot \$39,000</b>  Large 2.3 acre building lot conveniently located between Minden & Haliburton, partially cleared, driveway in & surrounded by hardwood bush. Build your dream home on this private quality building lot. Gary Moffatt 457-2128 x 36	<b>Country Home \$154,500</b>  Viceroy style home with 3 Bedrooms and 1 bath features a sunken living room with fireplace, partially finished basement, private level lot. Great location close to 3 lake chain with easy access. Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34	<b>Trooper Lake Cottage \$324,900</b>  Year-round (except for water) with great lake views & rippled sand shore; 1200 sq. ft. 3 bdrms, 1 bath, several upgrades, incl. new kitchen; MUST SEE. Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52
<b>Haliburton Lake \$699,495</b>  Premium waterfront on prestigious Haliburton Lake. Spectacular 3+ BR home/cottage with vaulted ceilings, stone FP & master ensuite. 540' of child friendly sand beach and SW view! Come and enjoy the sunsets. Drew Bishop 457-2128 x 23	<b>Stormy Lake \$499,000</b>  The good life awaits at this turn-key 2300 sq. ft. home featuring 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. Other features include 165 ft. waterfront, clean rock shoreline, south western exposure and a level 1 acre lot with privacy galore. Easy access from year round private road. Deborah Deremo 457-2128 x 58	<b>Lakefront &amp; Sunset View! \$72,000</b>  Great waterfront lot on beautiful Cedar Lake. 240' frontage, driveway in, hydro & phone available. Nice level area by the lake. Close to town. David Lee 286-2138 x 27	<b>Large Building Lot \$29,900</b>  Great, wooded, 2.86 acre building lot close to Minden. 208 ft frontage on Bobcaygeon Road gives easy access to all amenities or a quick, direct route to Hwy 118. Anne Moulton 286-2138 x 24	<b>200 Acres near Minden \$229,000</b>  Good mixture of hard and soft woods, ponds and trails throughout the property. Mostly level and would be ideal as a private retreat or for a family that appreciates the outdoors, adjacent the Snowdon Park Reserve. Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26



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